



Boyceville High/Middle School Principal's Report January 15, 2025

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ACADEMICS:

The end of the first semester is upon as the second quarter is scheduled to end on Friday, January 17. We continue to implement our daily intervention program and the numbers are trending in the right direction over the past two weeks as fewer students are failing classes. Ms. Berry in the high school counseling office has been working closely with those seniors who are experiencing academic difficulties in order to ensure we are providing a collective effort to ensure necessary credits are being earned. In addition, schedules for the second semester are being finalized and adjusted in an effort to keep ALL STUDENTS on track for graduation.

We will be conducting our annual in-service on Monday, January 20. In addition to the opportunity to finalize first semester grades and prepare for second semester courses, we will be meeting with professional development experts from IXL, engaging with a representative from UW-Extension to discuss enhancing our relationships with families and working to prepare for the upcoming Forward Exam.

We continue to learn the intricacies of IXL across our high and middle school curriculums as the program is being utilized to varying degrees in English, mathematics and social studies; currently there are approximately three hundred students in our 6-12 population that are being introduced to IXL in hopes of increasing student learning.

While it is only mid-January, we are working diligently to ensure that all our state testing can be administered without any issues. We are slated to offer the ACT and PreACT Secure on Tuesday, March 11, as we follow the structure that was introduced in our fall testing session this past October. We are confident that our preparations - both with our infrastructure and use of practice testing will help us in the process of improving our results on the next accountability report cards.

SCHOOL CULTURE:

We hosted our 3rd Annual Holiday Gift Giveaway on Friday, December 20. This event, designed to encourage student attendance on the day prior to winter break, has provided a great atmosphere throughout our building and serves to strengthen the bond between students and staff. This year, staff donated nearly \$550 for the purchase of "gifts" that are distributed based on drawings throughout the day. Our grand prize, again this year, was a 43" HDTV that was won by seventh-grade student Blayke Church. I am grateful to work in a school community that continues to not only have a generous spirit, but an open mind to try initiatives such as this.

Our December Student of the Month program focused on the characteristics associated with *confidence*. There were eight students nominated for this honor

High School Recipient - Talen Kietzer (12th Grade), nominated by Ms. Debee

Nominees - Beau Dawson (9th Grade), nominated by Mr. Michael Roemhild and Liz Stolte
Ireland Ennis (9th Grade), nominated by Mr. Bowman

Middle School Recipient - Brielle Jeske (7th Grade), nominated by Mr. Michael Roemhild

Nominees - Chase Clark (7th Grade), nominated by Ms. Score

Tyler Katuin (8th Grade), nominated by Ms. Peterson

Logan Monfort (7th Grade), nominated by Ms. Simmerman

Ethan Mrdutt (6th Grade), nominated by Ms. Olson

We also continue to recognize our students who secure perfect attendance on a monthly basis in the middle school. Our middle school data to date shows the following -

December (up one student from last month)

Sixth Grade - 29 students (48.3%)

Seventh Grade - 20 students (46.5%)

Eighth Grade - 22 students (37.3%)

Total - 71 students (43.8%)

We have received confirmation that Ben Simmerman, HS/MS Vocal Music Instructor, has been invited to serve as the tenor coach for the Wisconsin School Music Association State Honors Choir; this is a two year appointment and will provide Ben the opportunity to work with some of the most talented singers from across Wisconsin. This is a prestigious appointment and one that serves to highlight the regard with which our staff are held outside of our immediate school community.

We have received confirmation that Russ Riehbrandt, HS Science Instructor, has been invited to serve as a supervisor at the National Science Olympiad Tournament later this school year. This year's tournament will be hosted by the University of Nebraska - Lincoln. As a supervisor, Russ will be responsible for the oversight of a specific event at the tournament, ensuring that the event is conducted fairly and according to the official rules.

We are excited about the recognition that our staff are receiving through these appointments and look to continue to support their efforts to not only enhance their professional practice, but to enrich their professional lives.

BOYCEVILLE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Boyceville Community School District, as a partner with family and community, is to provide a high quality education in which students gain respect for themselves, others and their surroundings and develop a desire for excellence while learning the skills to become contributing members of a global society.