

High School Board Report 10-8-18

It Can Wait Program - Students in grades 9-12 participated in the *It Can Wait* assembly on Monday, September 24th. Tomahawk High School partnered with AT&T, AAA, and the Wisconsin State Patrol to educate students about the dangers of smartphone activities while driving and encouraged students to take the pledge to keep their eyes on the road and not on their phones. The event targeted student drivers, but also anyone who is a passenger in a car where distracted driving is taking place. Students also heard from Representative Mary Felzkowski and Senator Tom Tiffany about the work they are doing in Madison to help keep Wisconsin roads safe from distracted drivers. For example, legislation was passed in 2010 that banned texting while driving on Wisconsin roads. The event featured AAA's distracted driving simulator, which allows students to experience the dangers of smartphone activities behind the wheel. Students also watched two new short films produced as part of AT&T's "The Face of Distracted Driving" series that feature stories of teenage boys killed by smartphone distracted driving ([Caleb's story](#) and [Forrest's story](#)). This was a powerful assembly and we are fortunate that THS was able to participate.

Homecoming - The Homecoming theme for 2018 was Blast From The Past. The week consists of several different activities all of which provided classes to earn points towards earning the title of Homecoming Champions. Dress up days occur Monday through Thursday ending with Hatchet Pride on Friday. Monday and Wednesday night offer competitions, boys volleyball and girls flag football (or dodgeball) respectively. Cart Float decorating takes place on Tuesday and Thursday evening. Each class chooses a charity to benefit and asked that donations be made during the parade and placed in the carts by class representatives (9th - Kinship of Tomahawk, 10th - The Human Society, 11th - Food Pantry, 12th - Our Sister's House/Haven). Homecoming results are determined at the football game on Friday evening. The week concludes with the dance on Saturday evening.

Students of the Month - How the program works: Student in grades 9-12 are nominated by staff each month. Staff note a primary reason from the available categories and provide a written explanation. A committee convenes each month to look over the nominations and select the students. There are eight students selected every month (two from each grade level). Students receive a small "goodie bag" for being selected. Students also complete a short biography survey that is used to create a small summary about each of them. This summary includes information such as their future hopes and dreams, who they consider to be a role model, a teacher that has had a lasting impact on them, activities they are involved with, etc. Student's summaries and pictures are then shared on the school district website, with the district social media pages, the local media, and displayed in the case by the high school office. We are also putting their names on the marquee in front of the school and recognizing them at the monthly board meetings.

September Students of the Month are: 9th - Martin Schmidt & Hailey Hurst, 10th - Isaiah Scheffler & Julianna Skubal, 11th - James Kincaid & Richelle Swan, 12th Gunnar Leck & Emily Ostrowski.