



*Medford 7-12 Schools
School Board Report
December 18, 2023*

- 1) **Site Team:** Discussions surrounding the time/length of day as well as the make-up or arrangement of the day. Continued discussion needed
- 2) **December Students of the Month:** [Dec. Students of the month](#)
- 3) **Angel Tree-** This has started and is just about ready to wind down. There were a number of ornaments left as of the writing of this report. Big thanks to MHS for their work on this and the generosity of Medford families to help those in need.
- 4) **9th grade career navigator trip-** Was a success. The 9th Grade class at Medford High School attended the Career Navigator program at South Central College in Faribault. Career Navigator is a program developed by the South Central Service Cooperative providing high-quality career information and content for 9th grade students across South Central Minnesota. Students toured South Central College and met with business professionals from several career areas. Students participated in hands-on activities to learn more about specific careers from all career field areas.



- 5) **Holiday Concerts-** with new teachers in both Band and Choir we had the return of holiday concerts this year. From what I saw, these were well attended and went well. Students for the most part appeared excited to be able to perform and the audience enjoyed the presentations.
- 6) **Electives and offerings for next year-** we just started the process last week with teachers to begin creating the schedule for next school year. Teachers were asked if they had new offerings they would like to suggest and/or other electives etc. that we don't offer every year. These will be compiled and then shared with students for interest in the various topics and then Mrs. Routh will work to create a master schedule to allow for the top choices to be offered and hopefully avoids major conflicts so that the largest number of students possible can take the classes they desire.
 - a) **Firefighter class-** Ryan Seykora from Owatonna fire presented at the DAC committee meeting just prior to this meeting. He would like to offer Medford seniors the opportunity to earn Firefighter 1 and firefighter 2 credentials through Riverland Community College. This would be a hybrid offering some daily classroom and some online/weekend hands-on. There are lots of details to work out, but something to consider.
 - b) **RefReps-** this is a totally stand alone online program that is sanctioned by the

MSHSL and offers high schools the opportunity to “grow their own” refs. The program is set up so that students can be taught through hybrid learning the fundamentals of being a ref for just about any sport. It may be a way to assist in getting refs especially for our elementary and jr. high level sports, but also to train some students to go on for certification at the varsity level.

Thanks!
Jen Ford