

## **January School Board Report**

Attendance % for December 2024

9th grade- 71.71% down 4% from last month 10th grade- 65.08% down 2% from last month 11th grade- 66.87% down 3% from last month 12th grade- 69.46% down .54% from last month

Number of students: As of January 6, 2025

9th grade-149 students

10th grade- 166 students- 1 BHA

11th grade-134 students

12th grade- 92- 4 to BHA and 1 transfer

= 541 BHS students

**Home visits:** Jolene is continuing home visits for all BHS students. She is working with the attendance team on students to focus on. She has made numerous parent contacts in regards to attendance. She is making parent phone calls, home visits and setting up parent meetings with Mr. Salois, students and parents. She is following up with courts to get updates on court referrals made in December.

**Discipline-** 7 students needed insight class and completed in the month of December.

Transcript Requests- 20 for the month

## Testing for BHS

WIDA Testing- All December through February

Aimsweb testing- Throughout the month for all 9-12th students during ELA and Math classes

## What's Happening At BHS:

- There are alot of good things happening in the classrooms! Teachers are continuing to work with students to finish the semester strong and help students be successful. Students are utilizing their google classrooms to complete work and get it turned in. Teachers and students are also preparing and studying for finals next week.
- Classroom teachers are also having to prepare for their 2nd semester classes.
  They need to plan the semester instruction but also need to prepare their google classrooms for all 8 classes.
- Guidance Counselors are still providing Tier 1 services in Advisory classes.
  Counselors are working with all 9-12th grade students on 2nd semester schedules. During the meeting the counselors are working with students to

- reflect on the 1st semester and then go over 2nd semester schedule for students based on their needs. All students will have schedules completed and ready to go by January 21st when students arrive for 2nd semester.
- Holiday tutoring was in place for the over holiday break. We do have 2 tutors hired for tutoring to happen Monday through Thursdays every week through the end of the year.
- Senior Toy drive and fundraising was a success. Student groups went out in the community and sang for donations. All donations went into the toy drive fund. Students were given the opportunity to go shop for the toys then students had to wrap and deliver all gifts. Seniors did a great job representing the district.
- Update from IAC Youth Conference- Jimi Champ
  - In September, Browning High School Agriculture students were given an extra credit assignment to write an essay for the Intertribal Agriculture Council's (IAC) Youth Conference. The essay prompt asked students to tell what they knew about the USDA's Tribal Advisory Council (TAC) and explain what they as Native Youth could do to help ensure their tribal nation was heard at the USDA level. 8 BHS students in total submitted essays to the competition. The essay competition was assessed by IAC's coordinators with hundreds of students from Indian Communities throughout the nation submitting essays. Of those essays, only 60 students were selected. Of those 60 students selected for an all expenses paid trip to Las Vegas. Camron Gordon, Cassie DeRoche, Wace Williams and Talvin Champ were among the recipients of this awesome opportunity.

The 4 students and their chaperones attended the conference from December 10-12. On the first day of the conference, all of the youth attendees were invited onto the stage of the Pearl Theatre at the Palm Resort. They were recognized for not only their writing skills but their contribution to agriculture on their reservations. In a theatre full of Native dignitaries, it was surreal to see our BHS students stand on the stage with honor and dignity. After the moving opening ceremony, the students were invited to a catered dinner that was made by all Native chefs and featured traditional native foods from across North America.

For 3 full days, our students attended meetings and seminars covering subjects such as professional development, careers in agriculture, empowering tribal futures through native foods and exploring native roots. In addition to attending seminars, BHS students made connections with many influential people in Native Agriculture explored higher education opportunities.

During their downtime (which there wasn't much of) students were able to join their chaperones and see the sights of Las Vegas and catch a little bit of National Finals Rodeo action. It was a trip of a lifetime for these 4 young adults to discover the ins and outs of Native Agriculture and meet some amazing people.