



# BROWNING HIGH SCHOOL MONTHLY NEWS

## GO INDIANS GO

### December Stats:

Student Attendance :57%% (down 20%-due to illnesses)

Certified Attendance: 89% (up 1%)

Classified Attendance:89% (up 5%)

Enrollment: 9th: 150 10th: 123 11th: 108 12th: 83

Total: 464 (12<sup>th</sup> grade with the highest daily average 61%)

Transcripts: 6

Transfers: IN: 0 OUT: 0

Home Visits: 20

Referrals:34

Drops: 7

### Senior Toy Drive

27 families were served, 120 children were served. Students had donation cans around the community, and concessions. \$7438 was raised to help the community with Christmas gifts. Thank you to all those staff and students who made this happen!

### Food Drive Nov 1-Nov 18

Congratulations to the following advisory classes for donating the most food to the BHS Turkey Dinner Drive:

**9th grade - Colin Sibbernsen**

**10th grade - Radium Woolf**

**11th grade - Jimi Champ**

**12th grade - Johanna Johnson**

These classes have earned a pizza party!!



**The Senior Class donated the most food overall and will receive \$100 in their class account.**

BHS was able to give out **22 full meal baskets** to some of our families for Thanksgiving. We wouldn't have been able to do this without the help of our students who are so kind and giving.

Shout out to Fran Racine for putting the baskets together and making sure the families received the food.

### Science Activities

Ms. Sonya Gobert's Forensic, Astronomy and Earth Science classes utilize different learning styles to solidify their knowledge. One activity was for Forensic students to create a crime scene and label it correctly. The second one was to create an Ugly Christmas Sweater with an Astronomy or Earth Science theme. The sweaters were voted on by their peers and the winners were Liam Smith and Jack Billedeaux.





## **English Activities**

All English 11 classes participated in a care package drive in support of active-duty military from our community. The packages were filled with donated items from students, teachers, and community members. Included were dry meat, sweetgrass, sweet treats, and thoughtful letters from the students. All packages have made it safely to their designated person, in locations which included Hawaii, Florida, and Japan. The care package drive was a side project the students worked on while reading Tim O'Brien's war novel titled *The Things They Carried*. The novel is a collection of stories from the perspective of a platoon of Vietnam soldiers. Students used the stories as a framework to devise their own stories, including a story about one of their vague memories, an embellished story, and a descriptive story that displays figurative language throughout.



English 12 classes had a busy December! Students worked on holiday cards and letters for their elders that were distributed at New Eagle Shields and The Blackfeet Care Center. Students also worked on our school-wide kindness campaign for their peers in which seniors were given a list of names of all seniors in the building and asked to write one positive thing about each of their peers. These positives were combined per student and placed in a card for each individual senior. Seniors also learned about how changing the medium of a story can change the story itself. By taking an existing story and changing at least one pre-existing character to become Blackfeet, we retold those stories infused with Blackfeet culture to see how the story might change. Students did an excellent job creating comic strips, narratives, graphic novels, and Google Slides to create new and exciting stories utilizing the Blackfoot dictionary.

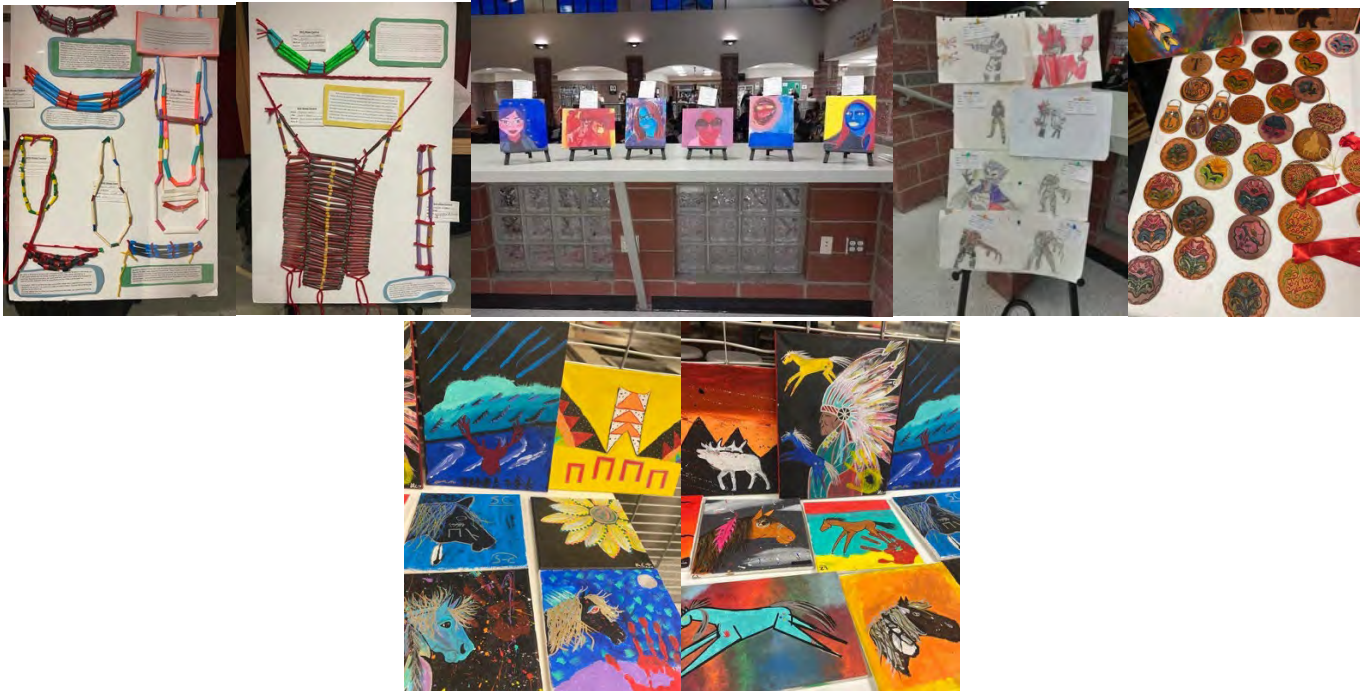


## **Fridays**

Our F report for Fridays since we began our Friday schedule has been slowly decreasing ... Week 1 to Week 2 saw a decrease of 76 F's. We also began to look at Infinite Campus to run a responsive schedule so students can see their schedule for each Friday. Staff also reflected on how to make the transitions easier for both students and staff. The second and third Friday worked much smoother. Looking into the new year BHS will plan some field trips for Fridays for those who are passing all core classes. We will also be looking at outside programs that can assist with activities.

## **Fine Arts Festival, Band & Choir Concert**

BHS hosted their 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Fine Arts Festival along with their Band and Choir Christmas Concert on December 14, 2023.



## **Special Short Film Premiere: In the Making-Far From Here**

Something new this Christmas was a special premiere of Lily Gladstone's short film that showcased her working with a group of BHS Drama students. This project was a part of Firelight Media's series In the Making. Parents, students, staff and community was invited to watch the premiere of the film.

Same Land, LLC Director & Producer Brooke Swaney and Jeri Rafter [www.brookeswaney.com](http://www.brookeswaney.com)

If you would like to view the film, we can run it after the board meeting

All of BHS Students and Staff have excellence in their beings, we are working hard to make sure they all shine!

Happy New Year from BHS