

HIGH SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT (OCTOBER 2025)

HOMECOMING UPDATE:

Although our Homecoming game was unfortunately canceled, we want to sincerely thank our students, families, and community members for coming together and showing such incredible school pride and spirit throughout the week's events. The enthusiasm and support demonstrated by everyone truly reflect the strength and unity of our school community.

PSAT & SENIOR WORKSHOPS:

On Wednesday, October 8, the 9th- and 11th-grade students took the fall PSAT, while the 12th-grade students participated in Senior Workshops. I want to thank Mrs. McGee as she successfully facilitated her first state assessment (PSAT).

BRIDGMAN MARCHING BAND:

On Tuesday, October 14, the Spirit of Bridgman Marching Band came home with a Division 2 rating at this year's District Marching Band Festival held at Berrien Springs High School. Although the band was disappointed with that performance, they followed it up with a 2nd place finish at the Kentwood Invitational and one of their highest scores (81.8) ever. Mr. Reppart commented that it was their best performance of the year.

DATA DRIVEN:

During teacher professional development on Friday, October 17. The high school faculty spent the day looking at state assessment data. They started the day with a general overview assessment introduction by Dan Wei from Berrien RESA. The presentation included a tutorial on how to navigate the dashboard that she created for Bridgman High School. This interface enables our staff to break down the data by demographic groups or individual students.

KEY CLUB:

Key Club Mental Health Awareness Week took place from Monday, October 6, to Friday, October 10. The week of Mental Health Awareness is to bring attention to mental health and those who live with mental illness, encourage students to take care of their mental health, to help others, and spread awareness to all. Mental Health is a very important aspect of our everyday lives. Taking care of ourselves helps us take care of others.

RED RIBBON WEEK:

We are currently celebrating Red Ribbon Week (October 27 - October 31).

Dress Days = Dress Up in support of SADD and get a piece of candy in English class

- Monday, Oct. 27 = College Apparel - Think Smart, Don't Start
- Tuesday, Oct. 28 = Decades Day - Don't let drugs take you back in time
- Wednesday, Oct. 29 = Soccer Moms vs BBQ Dads - Kick out drugs, grill bad choices
- Thursday, Oct. 30 = Hero Day - Be a "Hero", make safe choices
- Friday, Oct. 31 = Red Out - Wear Red to support SADD

Tuesday, Oct. 28 & Wednesday, Oct. 29 = Bake Sale

Thursday, Oct. 30 = Donuts w/ Cider

COLLEGE & CAREER MONTH:

October is always a busy month for high school, as we celebrate College/Career Month during this time.

- On Friday, October 17, the freshman attended the annual Career Pathway Day. This Berrien RESA-hosted event allows students to learn about the CTE programs and post-secondary careers available in our county. Many of the freshmen shared that the field trip was fun and they had a great time.
- Juniors and Seniors can take an optional trip to our two local community colleges, Southwestern Michigan College and Lake Michigan College. Mrs. Fast hosts several small events during the month to encourage students to start thinking about life after high school.
- On Wednesday, October 29, Mrs. Fast will host our Annual College/Career Month Pizza Luncheon for Seniors & Staff

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Thursday, October 30 = Trunk-or-Treat (6:00 p.m.) @ FC Reed Middle School
- Wednesday, November 5 = FAFSA Night (6:00 p.m.) @ BHS Media Center
- Monday, November 10 = Parent-Teacher Conferences (4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.)