

**Browning High School
May Board Report
2020**

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Browning Indians are the BEST
Let's all fight for BHS!!

Enrollment:

9th grade-134 10th grade-139 11th grade-113 12th grade-100 Total-486

Staff Meetings-

Staff have been looking to the positives of the different teaching situations, COVID Pandemic, and working remotely. These meetings have been good for their social, & emotional being. They have been savoring experiences and practicing random acts of kindness. It has been a consistent way to connect with everyone! These were the positives of graduation the staff talked about:

- The ceremony was fun, could talk and celebrate out loud
- To cheer on each graduate was heartwarming
- Seeing each graduate and their families and parents was touching
- It was neat to see the pride in each family member as they received their diploma was touching, in the regular ceremony we don't get to see families up close and personal
- The ceremony was active, people walking around, cars moving around the school
- Seniors proud to be recognized, many smiles and happy students on their cars
- Graduates were excited to receive gifts from the school
- Families were front and center for pictures of their graduates.
- Staff felt included in the ceremony and was able to see the happiness of the graduates
- Each Senior showed individualism in the decoration of their car, gown, and hat
- Lots of culture portrayed in the ceremony-lodges, backrests, honor song, flag song, buffalo and bear hides, feathers, beaded caps and ribbon gowns and skirts
- Each senior was showcased.
- The jumbotron showing the senior slideshow.
- It was good to see everyone after being at home for the stay at home order.
- Students did not like the wind but enjoyed the ceremony

Senior Presentations (Portfolio)-

5 Seniors took the plunge to present to staff via google meets. They gave staff an opportunity to look at virtual portfolios platform and utilizing technology in the presentation of the portfolio. The student messages were super moving and positive.

Award Events & Ceremonies-

National Honor Society Induction, Senior Award Ceremony, & Underclassmen Award Ceremony-
First time ever doing a virtual ceremony for these events and our office staff worked hard to organize the creation, distribution, and delivery of each ceremony. When you are working apart

from one another on a team effort, it takes a lot of communication and trust. We certainly pulled it off! Thank you to Darcy, Myndi, Fran, Jocko, Josephine, Michele, Gail, LaDean, Sienna, Kathy, Kari, Kevin, Violet, Lynnel, Jack, John, and Marissa.

Graduation

- 132 seniors -1 honorary diploma for Heavyn Leigh TalksAbout, who passed away two years ago).
- 95 from BHS and 36 from BHA.
- 37 distinguished diplomas
- 29 National Honor Society members.

We had a surprise commencement address from Denise Juneau, who was not originally able to make it due to a conflict in schedule, but due to the pandemic and video capability was able to speak to our students and community.

Although the wind wreaked havoc on the decorations it did not dampen the spirit of accomplishment of the students. The students paraded one last time through the campus and town to mark the ending of their high school career. The pandemic kept students from some friends and family, however it kept them with their immediate family, who has supported them all these years. We have had underclassmen voicing ideas about graduations to come, we have not looked to the future yet as to how things will play out for graduation. However, a parade of graduates through town will definitely be on the agenda.

This was the first time all BHS staff was in attendance as a group to graduation, due to Graduation being on a work day. They felt a part of the ceremony and enjoyed seeing the graduation and parade.

Many community members, & programs as well as school district staff contributed to putting together this historic event of Graduation at BHS.

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Praise

To BHS staff for being a cohesive team during the COVID Pandemic. We worked through changing our mindsets on grading, teaching, and working collaboratively to get the job accomplished in a good fashion.

It is so easy to notice the negative and add fuel to that fire, let us shift our focus on the possibility and promise!

As always, please see and praise all the positive aspects of BHS!