

HIGH SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT (FEBRUARY 2025)

Vaping:

Vaping has become a significant issue in schools across the country. Just like the trends throughout the nation, Bridgman High School (BHS) has seen an increase in vaping incidents. Some of the high schools across Southwest Michigan have incorporated the use of hand held metal detectors to find vapes as they are sometimes impossible to find with just a visual search. BHS is looking to use the same strategy to deter students from bringing vapes to school. A letter and protocols have been written for the use of the handheld device. This letter has been sent to the school attorney to review. After the review is complete, the letter will be sent home to parents and the policy will be explained to the students before moving forward with the use of the device.

Band & Choir Concerts:

On Tuesday, February 11, the choir and band performed their Mid-Winter Concert. It was a wonderful event showcasing two fabulous Bridgman programs. On March 6, the high school band will be performing at Paw Paw High School for the Annual Band Festival.

2025 - 2026 Scheduling:

Mrs. Fast has already completed scheduling for 8th - 11th graders for next school year. We are currently working on the master schedule.

PSAT/SAT and Portfolio Prep:

On February 25, the high school will begin its PSAT/SAT test prep for 9th - 11th graders and portfolio prep for 12th graders. Every Tuesday, we will run an assembly schedule to allow time to prep for the PSAT/SAT test. During this time, the seniors will receive lessons on cover letters and resume writing. As a board member, if you are interested in being an interviewer for Portfolio Day, please reach out to Wendy Golob at wgolob@bridgmanschools.com as soon as possible.

DECA:

On March 13th, Mrs. Douglass will be taking 60 students to the DECA State competition. We are fortunate that Mrs. McGee will be going with her as a judge and chaperone.

8th Grade Visit:

This school year, we moved up our annual 8th grade visit. All 8th graders visited the high school on Friday, February 14.

Thank You:

I would like to thank the Student Senate and Mrs. Becker for putting together an excellent Winterfest week. I also greatly appreciate the work that SADD and Mrs. Kreitner put into the Great Kindness Challenge week.

Upcoming Senior Events:

April 9	Portfolio Day	Time: Based on senior's assigned interview Location: BHS Cafeteria & Gymnasium
May 3	Prom <i>Post Prom to follow</i>	Time: 7:30 p.m. – 10:30 p.m. Section House, Sawyer
May 9	Academic Honors Breakfast <i>Invitation Only - for 3.5 GPA Students and Parents</i>	Time: 7:00 a.m. Location: BHS Cafeteria 2 guests per 3.5 honoree
May 13	BHS Choir Spring Concert	Time: 6:30 p.m. Location: BHS PAC
May 17	Senior Trip	Six Flags, Illinois
May 19	Senior Art Show	Location: BHS Commons @ Senior Honors Night
May 19	Senior Honors Night <i>Gowns will be distributed beforehand and MUST be worn to participate.</i>	Time: 6:30 p.m. Location: BHS PAC
May 20	BHS Band Spring Concert	Time: 6:30 p.m. Location: BHS PAC
May 23	Senior's Last Official Day	½ Day for ALL Students
May 27	Senior Exams – 1st & 2nd hours <i>Seniors with an 83% or above, no more than 5 absences, and no disciplinary referrals will be exempt.</i>	Time: 7:55 a.m. - 11:05 a.m. Location: BHS PAC
May 28	Senior Exams – 3rd & 4th hours <i>Seniors with an 83% or above, no more than 5 absences, and no disciplinary referrals will be exempt.</i>	Time: 7:55 a.m. - 11:05 a.m. Location: BHS PAC
May 29	Senior Exams – 5th & 6th hours <i>Seniors with an 83% or above, no more than 5 absences, and no disciplinary referrals will be exempt.</i>	Time: 7:55 a.m. - 11:05 a.m. Location: BHS PAC
May 29	Senior Checkout List Due in the Office	Time: 3:00 p.m.
May 30	Graduation Practice <i>The elementary hall march will follow graduation practice. Seniors will walk over to the elementary school. Gowns and caps should be brought to the practice</i>	Time: 8:15 a.m. Location: BHS Gymnasium
June 1	Graduation <i>Graduates report to the Media Center at 12:15 p.m.</i>	Time: 1:00 p.m. Location: Bridgman High School Gymnasium