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#### **Priority 1: Student Success**

- Congratulations to our Cardinals of the Month for January – Hailey Speltz, Isabella Mendoza, and Braelynn Norman.
- All of the choirs sang at a concert on Thursday, December 12th. The concert concluded with all 152 choir students singing two large group selections.
- Congratulations to the milk quality and products team on qualifying for state: Josie Trejo, Claire Daley, Brekken Wirt, Grayson Speltz, and Bailey Franzen.
- Thank you to all of the parents that came to conferences on January 9.

#### **Priority 2: Effective Staffing**

- Thank you to Sam Barnes on his work as a paraprofessional with us the last year and a half. He will be moving on to student teaching for the rest of the school year.
- We are currently looking for two paraprofessionals for the high school.

#### **Priority 3: Finance**

- Thank you to all that donated through the Foundation for the teacher wish lists trees. It was great to see so many items come into classrooms.
- The music programs and activities department have fundraisers currently raising money for trips and other expenses.

#### **Priority 4: Facilities**

- We toured the high school with Ingensa and were able to meet Gary who will be our project manager on January 10.

#### **Priority 5: Community Engagement**

- The student body donated the equivalent of 4558 items for the 10 Days of Giving. The junior class donated 1156 items.
- Volunteers from the Concert Choir sang at the Lewiston Cancer Support Group Tree Lighting on Sunday, December 8th.
- Dr. Hanson and Mr. Eppen met with SILO 8<sup>th</sup> graders to begin our 2025-26 registration process. We met with 5<sup>th</sup> graders as well. We are trying to determine opportunities to engage Rollingstone and SILO students and families prior to the May orientation days.
- Community Education offered a youth art class with five students enrolled. Mr. Eppen is working on requests for indoor walking. Pickleball, a workout class, and soccer for adults are ongoing. We are waiting to hear from the elementary student council on additional community ed requests.

#### **Upcoming Events:**

**January 19 – NHS Induction Night**

**January 23 - Last Day of Quarter 2**

**January 24 – No School Staff Development Day**

**January 27 – First Day of Quarter 3/Semester 2**

**February Events (National FFA Week and Snoball)**