



BROWNING HIGH SCHOOL MONTHLY NEWS

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Important Dates for September

- September 4: Labor Day - No School
- September 14: Spring Awards Ceremony 2:30
- September 14: BHS Family Open House 5:00 – 6:00
- September 18: Cultural Day
- September 18 - 22: Spirit Week
- September 22: Native American Heritage Day
- September 22: Homecoming Parade
- September 22: Homecoming FB Game

August Stats:

Average Daily Attendance (ADA): 9th: 75% 10th: 76%
11th: 78% 12th: 79% (12th grade with the highest daily average 79%)

Total Student ADA: 77%

Certified Attendance: 93%

Classified Attendance: 94%

Enrollment: 9th: 173 10th: 152 11th: 120 12th: 104

Total: 549

Transcripts: 55

Transfers: IN: 33 OUT: 21

Home Visits: 19

Referrals: 4

Bully Reports: 1

Re numbering of BHS Classrooms

This summer Ms. Kari McKay and Mrs. DeeAnn Kipp worked together to re number the classrooms to provide easier access for emergency response. We now have even on one side and odd on the other; the layout is more rationale.

Safety Information - room numbers have been changed/updated for easy access

- Front Office Area - 100's
- Horseshoe/Electives - 200's
- C Wing - 300's
- A wing - 400's
- Gym/Voed - 500's

We still call the wings by A (Junior and Senior Hall) and C (Freshman and Sophomore Hall).

Responsive Friday

BHS hosted their 1st responsive Friday, which

features tutoring in each core content for those students who have D's and F's as well as Enhancement activities for those who are passing with a C or better.

We had 36 tutoring for Math, 20 for Science, 73 for ELA, and 0 for Social Studies.

We had the following activities for Enhancement; Cornhole Tournament, Chess Tournament, Cribbage games, Board games, Beading, Sewing, Basketball, Volleyball, Painting-creating. Signature mark, Computer activities-making a cartoon, chokecherry processing, drawing, EMT/EMR courses, and reading in the library.

We will start Restorative Circles in a few weeks for Tardies, and Behavior as well as Insight classes.

Rodeo Recap by Mrs. Jimi Champ

Sometimes the best laid plans go awry. Despite all the hard work and preparation that went into the 2023 Labor Day High School Rodeo weekend, Mother Nature had different plans. The first two rodeos of the weekend were scheduled to be held at the Circle R Arena in East Glacier and then we planned to move to Charging Home Stampede Park in Browning. A heavy downpour of rain the week of the rodeo, had BHS and BMS Rodeo Team scrambling. The arena at East Glacier was completely flooded making it unsafe for contestants and livestock. So the East Glacier committee asked if the Browning teams would host all 4 days of rodeo. In true rodeo family fashion, the Browning teams hustled to get Charging Home Park ready for over 100 contestants and their families to converge in Browning for 4 big days of rodeo. In a relatively short period of time the student athletes and their families made it happen.

Over the rodeo weekend each and every rodeo team member worked behind the scenes making sure the rodeo ran without a hitch. They set up barrels and poles, worked cattle, sorted bucking stock, set up the PA system and so much more. On top of volunteering their time to help with the rodeo, they competed in their perspective events and showed improvement throughout the weekend. Nearly all of the 20 Browning athletes capitalized on their home court advantage and qualified for the state finals over the course of the 4 days. In Montana, rodeo athletes qualify for state by earning points at qualifying events. Those points then add up over the fall and spring rodeo season and the top four point holders in each event qualify for the National Finals. Last year Browning Schools sent 13 athletes to the state finals and 3 to the National Finals. This year we are working toward sending all contestants to state and sending several more to Nationals!

Our rodeo weekend was made even more special because we were able to share it with our school and our community. One thing that makes Browning Rodeo's special is the support of our school. Principal Jennifer Wagner took time out of her busy schedule to come to the rodeo and welcome visitors to our community and school. Blackfeet Studies teacher, Kevin Kicking Woman sang a Coming Together song in our Blackfeet Language. School busses transported students and teachers back and forth from the school to the arena to sit in the stands and cheer on their classmates. Browning High School cheerleaders, set up a stand and sold Italian Ice Drinks and raised money for their own activities! On the fourth and final day, Browning High School's student singers sang an honor song for all of the contestants. Champions of each event were awarded a beaded keychain made by local artists. Sharing Blackfeet Culture with visitors made lasting impressions, and many people left the rodeo with such strong appreciation for our community and our culture.

The hard work and dedication of our rodeo team has made a lasting impression on Montana High School Rodeo. Our team has worked hard to establish Browning Oh'kitopii as an important stop the road to state.

Schedules

Thank you to the counselors (Mr. John Parente, Mr. Jack Parrent, Jr. , Ms. Lynnel Bullshoe, and Mrs, Sienna Speicher) for scheduling our students into classes this year. It has been very trying with last minute and unexpected staff changes, however our counseling staff has been flexible while making the changes positive for students. We have restructured the much-needed courses to meet the needs of the students, so we are still shuffling schedules around. Our plan is to be done with shuffling soon. We are still looking for more teachers to fill out vacancies- with those being filled it could change schedules.

We appreciate Mr. Randall Rivas for working with each department to create the master schedule; our goal is to create the master schedule in early Spring. We will begin to finalize the 2nd Semester to make sure all needed courses are entered and will add in any Dual Credit courses from BFCC.

Montana Teacher of the Year

Our very own Mr. Kicking Woman – BNAS teacher, is a finalist for Montana Teacher of the Year. We are proud of his commitment to the students, staff and community. Good Luck!

Good luck and congratulations!! You are our choice ●●○



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Paint the State Winners:

1st place-Mrs. Woolf, Vita Demontiney, Skyla Olivas, and Kiera Big Horn

4th place- Adam Still Smoking

Team Leader: Radium Woolf

Artist(s): Kiera BigHorn, Vita Demontiney and Skyla Olivas

Description / Inspiration: Collaborating from a previous team members design, the students created their art to show how meth and drug use affects more than just the person using, it also affects the children. Children are always watching, so the message, "Protect Our Generations to Come," is saying stop using now so our children and future generations can be successful. There is a woman in red representing Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (MMIWG) and she's holding a baby and next to her is a little boy in an orange shirt with "Not Even Once," and the orange shirt represents all of the unmarked graves from the various boarding schools found these last few years. In the background are spirits that represent the souls of the people lost to meth and they are holding hands to try to get the people to follow them to the light, based off of a movie the gals watch. However, the strength and resilience the woman and children possess, keep the meth spirits away. The students also incorporated buffalo (iinii in Blackfeet), and made them skeletons because iinii are important life lines to our Blackfeet people. Everything was completed in exterior and acrylic paint.





Artist(s): Adam Still Smoking

Description / Inspiration: The mural depicts a man on a horse looking in the distance watching over the area of the Blackfeet nation with the areas Chief mountain and Browning in the distance with the words "Our Ancestors Watch Over Us". The main message of the mural is that our ancestors watch over us and that we should think about what they did for us and what they sacrificed for us to be here today. I tried to create a piece of work that not just incorporated a anti-meth message but to represent the Blackfeet nation as a whole. I would have been able to incorporate more that would represent the area a little more but due to some circumstances I had a lack of time to do so. The materials that were used were exterior acrylic, spray paint, and markers were all used to create the mural.



BROWNING HIGH SCHOOL DROP OFF/PICK UP & PARKING INFO:

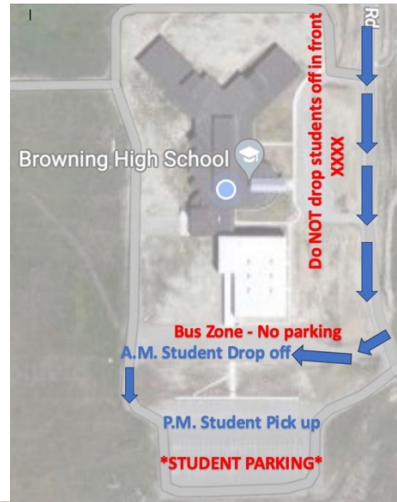
Parents - The drop off location for students is located in the back parking lot, gym doors. Students must enter through the gym doors. Drop offs in the front should only occur if student is late for school (which shouldn't be a daily occurrence).

Pick up location is also located in the back - upper parking lot. The lower lot is our bus lane please do not pick up your student in the bus lane.

Students who are driving to school must register their vehicle with the office and park in the upper gym parking area. Security will be monitoring parking lots and looking for parking decals. Students are not allowed to park in the front parking lot - that is staff/visitor parking only.

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We have many positives happening at BHS:

Bell ringers, exit tickets, best practices for teaching, projects, career exploration, laughter, discussions, mindfulness, exercise, questions, excitement, pride, support, support, guidance, growth, good student/staff attendance and great grades! **BHS is a place of safety, comfort, consistency, happiness and pride!**