

## **HIGH SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT (NOVEMBER 2025)**

### **Staff Professional Development**

Throughout the first semester, high school staff have participated in targeted professional development aligned with the 2025–2026 school year goals. In September, teachers engaged in Special Education accommodation training to strengthen instructional supports for diverse learners. October's focus centered on PSAT proctor training to ensure standardized testing procedures were consistently implemented. In November, staff received training on updated safety protocols and the CrisisGo app to support emergency preparedness. In December, teachers will conduct a departmental SAT data analysis to guide instructional planning for the second semester. Teachers continue to collaborate during scheduled meetings to review assessment data, align curriculum, and share effective instructional strategies.

### **Parent–Teacher Conferences**

Bridgman High School completed its fall Parent–Teacher Conferences during the week of November 10. The high school continued to utilize the open-house, first-come, first-served format. This year, the high school operated with a one-day conference structure. No concerns were communicated to the administration regarding the shift to the one-day model, and feedback from parents and staff has remained consistently positive.

### **Fine Arts: Band and Choir**

On October 23, the high school choir and band presented their annual Fall Fest concert. The choir opened the evening with a performance in the Performing Arts Center, followed by the band's outdoor performance at the football stadium. The weather provided a favorable setting for the event, and both groups represented the school exceptionally well.

Upcoming events include:

- **Winter Works Band Concert:** Monday, December 8
- **Holiday Sing-A-Bration Choir Concert:** Thursday, December 4

### **School Counseling Department**

Mrs. Fast hosted a Pre-FAFSA Night on Wednesday, November 5. She collaborated with representatives from local colleges and universities to provide seniors and their families with updated financial aid information and post-secondary planning support. This ongoing partnership continues to strengthen the college-readiness resources available to Bridgman students.

## **Student Organizations and Clubs**

- **National Honor Society (NHS)**

- NHS created and shared a video honoring local veterans, which was shown to all students on Veterans Day, Tuesday, November 11. The organization also led a Compassion Campaign, collecting food, toiletries, and clothing for Bridgman Cares. NHS will host a fundraiser dinner during the home basketball game on Friday, January 30.

- **Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD)**

- SADD facilitated another successful Red Ribbon Week from October 27–31. This year's national theme—“**Life Is a Puzzle, Solve It Drug Free**”—was highlighted through student dress-up days and school-wide activities. Participation across the student body was strong.

- **Interact Club**

- The Interact Club is currently coordinating the annual Toys for Tots drive. Donation boxes have been placed throughout the building, and the drive will continue until Friday, December 12.

- **Key Club**

- During October's Mental Health Awareness Week, Key Club led activities to encourage open dialogue regarding mental health and to reduce stigma linked to mental illness.

- **DECA**

- Bridgman DECA, under the leadership of Mrs. Douglass, has had a strong start to the year. Students are actively preparing for the district competition scheduled for Friday, January 16, participating in role-play practice and professional selling events. Students engaging in written events—such as business plans, integrated marketing campaigns, and project management projects—have begun their research and drafting processes. DECA recently completed a successful community spirit-wear fundraiser and will host a fundraiser dinner during the basketball game on Friday, February 6.