

HIGH SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT (APRIL 2026)

Prom and Post Prom

Prom will be held on Saturday, May 3, at the Section House in Sawyer. Post Prom activities will immediately follow at Generations AdventurePlex in Mishawaka, Indiana.

National Merit Scholarship Honorees

During this evening's board meeting, we will recognize two seniors for their outstanding academic achievements through the National Merit Scholarship Program.

Griffin Spitzer received a Letter of Commendation, which recognizes students who score in the top 3–4% of all PSAT/NMSQT test takers nationwide. Although Commended Students do not continue in the competition for National Merit Scholarships, this distinction reflects exceptional academic promise and strong performance on a nationally administered assessment.

Nora Bomar was named a National Merit Finalist, a distinction awarded to less than 1% of high school seniors nationwide. Finalists are selected based on their high PSAT/NMSQT scores and must also meet additional rigorous criteria, including an outstanding academic record, endorsement and recommendation from their school, and submission of a comprehensive scholarship application. As a Finalist, Nora was eligible for and ultimately selected as a recipient of the National Merit American Electric Power Scholarship, awarded through the National Merit Scholarship Corporation.

SAT Testing and Portfolio Completion

Thank you to Mrs. McGee for her leadership in coordinating SAT testing and ensuring strong student participation, particularly among our junior class. We experienced excellent attendance on testing day. Additionally, Mrs. Deaton organized a successful Portfolio Day, with support from Mrs. Golob in coordinating interviewers. The event was also featured in the *Herald Palladium* and *Harbor Country News*.

DECA

Congratulations to the Bridgman students who qualified for the DECA International Career Development Conference. The team is currently competing in Atlanta. We wish them continued success.

Participants include: Jenna Demski, Jason Green, Brooke Holgate, Brody Roberts, Austin Salisbury, Lily Stockwell, Jamie Kaspar, Savannah Luther, Ethan Stine, and Beck Ytterberg.

Robotics – Beebotics

The Bridgman Beebotics robotics team has qualified for the FIRST Robotics World Championship. This is a significant achievement for a second-year program. This year, the team also won the Kentwood District Event.

Team members include: Carter Piller, Ian Piller, Carter Hermann, Kyle Kaeding, Skyler Kaeding, and Bowdy Olson.

Band State Competition

The Bridgman High School Band performed at the State Band Festival in Otsego on Thursday, April 23. This high school band earned a Division II overall rating, just short of a Division I rating. We commend our student musicians for their preparation and performance.

National Honor Society Induction

The National Honor Society Induction Ceremony will take place on Thursday, April 30. This year, nine students will be inducted into the organization in recognition of their scholarship, leadership, service, and character.

Spring Musical Production

Thank you to Mrs. Ammerman and the parent volunteers for their dedication and hard work in producing this year's spring musical, *Dare to Dream, Jr.* Our students delivered an excellent performance.

Box Factory Student Art Exhibition

Congratulations to the following students whose artwork has been selected for display at the Box Factory Student Art Exhibition in St. Joseph. The exhibit runs from April 16 through May 3, with an awards ceremony held on April 23 at 6:00 p.m. at the Box Factory for the Arts, 1101 Broad Street, St. Joseph, Michigan.

Alexa Clark, Alexis Bailie, Amahnii Brunt, Amarah Yardley, Andrew Pagel, Andrew Wilcox, Anya Langfeldt, Aubrey Huber, Bella Wood, Bowdy Olson, Claire Kinne, Elise Berry, Eliza Clay, Hana Bolinder, Izzy Werelius, Megan Demski, Molly Skinner, Paige Tackitt, Sam Noll, Savannah Luther, Ta'nya Robinson, and Tori Boughner.