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Priority 1: Student Success

- Congratulations to our Math League and Math Wizards Team.
- Congratulations to all of our winter sports teams. Thank you to all the coaches and fans. It was a great winter season.
- We had a fun time in February with the Jazz band performing and working with our choir students who were in a jazz unit.
- Knowledge Bowl had four teams compete in late February at sub-regionals. Our teams were 4th, two tied for 9th, and 20th out of 24 teams. Top team took 9th at regionals out of 12 teams.
- The following artists will be exhibiting work at the Rochester Art Center from February 21 – March 17: A.B. Bacilio, Angel Estandarte, Barbara Schoegel, Kyli Ketchum, Lainey Bartsch, Lydia Pilger, Adelyn Zietlow, and Lina Ehlenfeldt.
- Thank you to the Sophomore class and their advisors for a wonderful Snoball dance. Thanks to the FFA for working with the Snoball group on creating joint activities and ending with the Ag Olympics.
- Thank you to Mrs. Kelly and the Unified PE class for spreading the message of 'Words Matter' on March 6.
- Spring sports begin March 11 for all sports except golf which begins March 18.



Priority 2: Effective Staffing

- We completed our final day of standards-based grading / instruction work for the year. Many teachers are continuing to prepare for standards-based grading implementation for next year.
- Thank you to Jody Church for her years of service and leadership within our paraprofessional group.
- A huge thank you to all of our subs and staff members subbing through the awful sicknesses that have been going through these past couple of weeks.

Priority 3: Finance

- Thank you to the Mark Morris Foundation for supporting our annual Courage Retreat. The 7th graders participated in the retreat with our NHS leaders on March 5.
- We are working the Bluff Country Collaborative to write a grant for coordination of CTE programming across SE Minnesota schools.

Priority 4: Facilities

- Thank you to the custodial crew for all of their help through the indoor seasons. The



addition of pretzels and cheese at the concession looked good for business but created additional maintenance for cleanup after events.

- Dan has been continuing to work with the heating and cooling systems.
- After a broken fire alarm pull station created some impromptu fire drills. Johnson Controls fixed the pull and we are adding a guard to prevent future damage.

Priority 5 – Community Engagement

- We have been working with the SILO School and Community Soccer to use gym space for their teams.
- Thank you to all the community members that came out to support the FFA for donkey basketball. Thank you to the staff students and community members who participated in the event and the FFA alumni for supporting the event and concessions.
- Thank you to the Booster Club, parents, and volunteers that made the winter concessions a huge success.
- Softball, Track, and Baseball all have fan gear available for those interested.
- Thank you to the NHS students that went to the elementary to participate in Read Across America week. Thank you to Mrs. Manley for scheduling some time for us to participate.
- 6th Grade students are participating in raising pledges for



Upcoming Events:

March 14 - High School Conferences and High School Music Concert

March 15 - 17 High School Spring Play

March 18 - Disney Trip Begins

April 21-23 - MN State FFA

