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TO: BLUE RIDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION
MRS. SUSAN E. WILSON, SUPERINTENDENT

FROM: JOHN LAWRENCE, PRINCIPAL, BLUE RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL

DATE: THURSDAY, MAY 7, 2020

RE: PRINCIPAL REPORT

Upcoming Events:

Alternate Dates:

5/7	Honors Night—See Video
5/12	Seniors Last Day—and Locker Clean-out
5/17	Graduation—In Circle Drive, Starting at 2:00 pm
5/19	Last Day of Remote Learning
5/20-22	Locker Clean-out for ALL Other Students
5/22	Last Day of Attendance
7/25	Prom

FYI:

Please see the “Senior Spotlight” on Facebook. We are recognizing 2 Seniors a Day. This is a way to recognize these Students who are missing out on many activities their Senior Year. (Lois Dowling and Nancy Hoffman helped produce this project)

Graduation will begin in the Circle Drive on Sunday, May 17th followed by a Parade. If it rains, speeches and diplomas will be given at a “Social Distance” in the North Gym Foyer—but all else will be the same.

Congratulations and Kudos:

Congratulations to the Class of 2020!

Congratulations to Class of 2020 Valedictorian—Josephine Aldrich

Congratulations to Class of 2020 Salutatorian—Meah Carter

Congratulations to Katie Cole for being selected as an FFA Wyxy All Star.

Congratulations to Susan Wilson for finishing an Amazing Career at Blue Ridge.

Thank you to ALL who are helping with the “Remote Learning Process” during this difficult time.

Thank you to Andrea Weedman and Dave Kramer for helping our staff to learn “Google Hangout” and other applications to help with the Learning Activities of our Students.

Curriculum:

High School Teachers continue to send Learning Activities to students on a daily basis. Teachers are communicating with students through many different media, and focusing on “The Most Important” Concepts for their courses.

Each Teacher had a list of students that they have contacted at least once a week. The purpose of this contact is to answer questions, check progress, and offer necessary support to students.

Teachers have been meeting via “Google Hangout” for Faculty and Department Meetings. These are almost as good as in person meetings.

The selection process for the up-coming Summer Bridge Program is taking place.

Leslie Whitehouse continues to build the Student Schedule for the up-coming School Year.

I asked the High School Teachers to give me names of students who have done Great during this Remote Learning Process. These students have completed over 90% of the assignments, and some are asking for extra work to prepare for next year. Some of Our Outstanding Students Are:

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| Josephine Aldrich | Rachel Dubson |
| Destiny Baker | Macey Hamm |
| Paige Bolen | Ava Jamison |
| Katie Bowns | Brittney Meier |
| Kaitlyn Bradford | Chase peterson |
| Daniel Brown | Dakota Sigdestad |
| Payton Burns | Jaton Shaffer |
| Katie Cole | Kallie Steinkamp |
| Morgan Drozs | Kalyn Warner |

Don Anton’s Sophomore English Class

Attendance:

There are 207 Students currently enrolled at Blue Ridge High School.
This time Last Year there were 226 Students.

The Average Daily Attendance from April 8, 2020 through May 6, 2020 was 207. Which is 100.0%. This time Last Year the Average Daily Attendance was 201. Which was 88.9%

We will continue to work with the Regional Office of Education and the Truancy Officer to improve Student attendance. DeWitt County has formed a Truancy Review Board that will be meeting in the near future..

Behavior:

From April 8, 2020 to May 7, 2020 the High School has had the following:

NO Out of School Suspensions; 25 for the 2019-2020 School Year.
This time Last Year we had NO Out of School Suspensions.

NO Disciplinary Infractions, by NO Students; 269 for the 2019-2020 School Year.
This time Last Year there were 41 Disciplinary Infractions.

207 Students with No Disciplinary Infractions. That is 100% of the Student Body.

Extra-Curriculars:

Before the “Stay at Home Order” all of our Spring Sports were practicing and preparing for their competitions. The IHSA has Suspended the Spring Seasons and Cancelled the State Series for Spring Sports. A decision has not been made concerning Summer Camps and Contact Days.