

November 2025 Board Report
Jr./Sr. High School
Principal & Assistant Principal

Community Involvement and Awareness

We received a commendable designation for 2025 from ISBE for both the junior high and high school.

From October 27 to October 30, we hosted the IHSA volleyball regional. This event brought several communities into our school.

On Wednesday, November 5, three of our building trades students (Matthew Schreieck, Hunter Whitehouse, and Vance Young) went with Mr. Harms to install a wheelchair ramp they had been working on at the residence of one of our students. This project was funded by the Emmanuel Lutheran Church and the Matthew 25 Project committee.

After school on November 5, Nurse Starks led a cardiac emergency response drill with local EMS. During the drill an incident was staged and staff responded by calling 911 and performing rounds of CPR and AED defibrillation until EMS services arrived on the scene.

On November 11, we held our Veteran's Day assembly. Local veterans were honored at the ceremony. High school band performed, junior high and high school chorus sang, multiple students read during the assembly, Max Mason (senior) spoke on why Veteran's Day is important to him, and Brian Blair spoke to students about his experiences.

Wednesday, November 12, I attended the HOIC conference monthly membership meeting. The focus of this month's meeting was to discuss updates to conference athletic competitions, the sportsmanship conference we send selected students to, and venue change proposal for the HOIC Music Festival.

On Thursday, November 13, Student Counsel and NHS participated in food packing. This helps put together backpacks of food from Midwest Foodbank to send home with elementary students.

Curriculum & Program Development/Staff Collaboration

On Wednesday, October 29, sophomores attended the BCA Career Expo at the Interstate Center. This is a yearly event where BCA students present their programs to sophomores in hopes of sparking an interest for future enrollment. We had multiple juniors and seniors who are enrolled at BCA presenting at the event.

On Friday, November 7, we held a school improvement day. Junior high ELA teachers and co-teachers attended an all day training on Arts and Letters. To start the day, we met as a high school and junior high staff to discuss SmartPass, academic rigor of classes, and other relevant issues. ELA, Math, Science, and Social Studies departments met to discuss the vertical alignment of their courses and possible gaps that existed. In the afternoon, activity period supervisors met to discuss better ways to use the time and whether it should continue to be part of the daily schedule as we begin the master schedule for next school year.

On Friday, November 14, Science and STEM students took a field trip to the Museum of Science and Industry.

Students and Staff

On Thursday, October 23, 15 Student Council Members attended a Student Leadership Collaborative at Tri-Valley.

On Wednesday October 22, selected students participated in PSAT testing. This is a voluntary test that helps open up scholarship opportunities for our students that plan on attending college.

On Friday, October 31, Student Council held costume contests for junior high and high school students. Some of our students were able to show off their creativity with costumes they created themselves. Pictures were posted on Facebook of our winners.

On Thursday, November 6, we held a fire drill. Feedback from the drill was discussed at a staff meeting on November 7th.

We have a new service starting for students. ThriveMind is a counseling service provided by Williams Psychological Services. They meet with students individually as well as holding two group sessions: building healthy relationships and high performance anxiety.

On Tuesday, November 12, Claire Edwards signed with Upper Iowa University to continue her volleyball career at the college level.

On Monday, November 17, we are beginning a new van route that transports students directly to RAS in Bloomington. Previously students rode the bus that dropped off at BCA.

FFA attended the National Convention from October 29 to November 1 and the Middle School Conference on November 10,

Junior high girls basketball 7th grade is currently 2-13 and 8th grade is 9-8.

Junior high boys basketball 7th grade is currently 6-1 and 8th grade is 1-6.

High school volleyball finished 12-21. This is the most successful season in the last seven years.

High school football finished 7-3, making the playoffs.