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School Rules!!!

By: Kynnedie Ellingford



Ms. Calton addressing the school

Welcome back, my fellow students! We have a few new rules we have to abide by. As you should know we came back to school on the 16th of August and had a back to school assembly, hosted by our wonderful Principal, Ms. Calton. She talked to us about, classroom rules such as NO BACK-PACKS: they all must be in our lockers while our classes are in session. We also went over the dress code, not much changed with that. It's the obvious

clothing rules; no tank tops (spaghetti straps), no hats, no cleavage, cleanly shaved and no shorter than fingertip length for your bottoms. Let's follow those rules and have a great year!

The Adjustment Process

By: Shelby Draper

So, we all know that there has been a lot of changes this year, but it has changed the most for the Jr. High students. The Jr. High had to adjust on a grand scale; they have to get used to new teachers, joining their student council with the high school's student council, participating in almost all of the high school assemblies, and activities. This year the Jr. High will have a float in the homecoming parade; the previous years they had to make posters and walk the whole way. I am positive that will be a relief; however, don't just listen to me. Let's hear from some real Jr. High students. David, a seventh grade student rep, said, "I like our student council being com-



bined because if we're confused we could ask some of the older kids for help." I asked the seventh grade class if they liked this year more than the last, and it was pretty split down the middle. Half of them liked this year more and the other half dreaded it. I asked Zittlalis if she liked the teachers this year. "I like them. Most of them are funny and nice." Her friend Jimena agreed with her. I think it's safe to say that the Jr. High is adjusting well.

September Activities

- 12TH - VB VS. MOUNTAIN VIEW CHRISTIAN
- 16TH - VB @ FREDONIA
- 18TH - VB @ SANDY VALLEY
- 19TH - BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT
- 22ND - NO SCHOOL
- 22ND - FB & VB @ BEATTY
- 25TH - MAKE-UP PICTURE DAY
- 25TH-29TH - HOMECOMING WEEK
- 26TH - VB VS. WORD OF LIFE
- 26TH MR. & MRS BEAVER DAM
- 27TH - HC CARNIVAL & PARADE
- 27TH - HC CARNIVAL & PARADE
- 28TH - VB VS GREEN VALLEY CHRISTIAN
- 29TH HOMECOME ASSEMBLY
- 29TH - VB & FB VS ROUDN MOUNTAIN

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Principal's Corner

Interview with Mrs. Calton,

(Interviewer): What do you want to improve here in Beaver Dam High School ?

(Mrs. Calton): I want to improve a lot, more electives and make the gym look better like a gym I've got a couple of more projects on that.

(Interviewer): How do you build a positive school culture or climate ?

(Mrs. Calton): First of all I think you have to do that by setting expectations, so I have high expectations for me. I also have high expectations for my teachers and students. I think if I set them high that people will rise to those levels and do everything to the best of their capability. When I'm walking in the halls I'm looking for kids that are making good choices, I'm looking for teachers that are making good choices, I want to make sure people see me making good choices. I think establishing a culture or climate starts with me having high expectations. I don't make my staff do something that I don't do.

(Interviewer): Have you ever felt tired or unable to continue in this position?

(Mrs. Calton): There are days I'm really tired because I'll come in and stay here for 11-12 hours. I like being with kids because I get my energized.

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The Homecoming Experience By: Jose Avila & Brandon Gonzales



Last year's Homecoming carnival.

Homecoming is an annual event that is celebrated by most schools across the world. Have you ever wondered how it was developed?

The first ever homecoming on record was Wednesday April 22 1909 in San Gabriel Park. The alumni football game played on Oct 10, 1903, which began NIU's Homecoming tradition.

Our homecoming gives a chance for the

alumni players to come watch the current athletes compete. During our homecoming we have special dress up days throughout the week. Midway through the week we have our traditional parade, following up with an after school carnival, as well as a bonfire. The final day of the week, before our football and volleyball teams play, we have a pep rally to motivate the players and get them ready for their game.

The night ends with our yearly Homecoming dance, where everyone is invited to have an amazing conclusion to our stressful, yet very fun week.

This year's homecoming week will begin on September 25th through 29th. We encourage every student to get as involved as they can, being that homecoming only comes around once a year, it's best to make it count!

Common Obsessions of High School Students (Other than Smart Phones) By: Matthew Horner

Some of the things high school students are crazily obsessed with are television shows, video games, and online social networks. There are many television shows that students love to watch. Those television shows have a large spectrum of options and genres. Many students talk about the newest episodes of popular TV shows. Other students enjoy older shows, such as Star Trek, as a means of entertainment. Also the more active students enjoy sports.

Some of the student body enjoy video games of one form or another. Some bring their game devices to school so they can play during lunch and on the bus. But many, including most of the students that play on mobile devices, play games at home as leisure activity or to just evade homework.

Another major obsession of high school students are sports. Football, volleyball, baseball, and soccer are the main sports schools have. High school students have been known to be very into the sports that were previously listed.

Online social networks has become a common means of communicating for the majority of the student body. A user can chat with friends, play games online, see the news, what their friends have been up to, and where they have been.

There are several more things high school students do in their free time, but the high school students need to be aware of the dangers of being obsessed with something. Your obsessions, whatever it or they are, should not control your life. Be careful to not bury yourself in your addiction to the point you begin to forget things important to you. Obsessions are okay as long as they are done in moderation.

Volleyball Team! By: Yatzary Flores & Sarai Ramirez



Volleyball team talking to Coach Morrow during a timeout.

The Volleyball team this year has less girls than last year, but that's not stopping the Lady Diamondbacks: they're giving it their all! Our ladies have been practicing very HARD! Coach Morrow has been conditioning them, and the ladies are getting stronger.

The Lady Diamondbacks had a scrimmage last Thursday the 24th against Virgin Valley JV Volleyball team. They then had a tournament in St. George last weekend. They played 3 games at Desert Hills Middle School on Friday the 25th. On Saturday the

26th, they played 3 games at Desert Hills and 1 game in Pine View High School. The Lady Diamondbacks tried hard but lost. That is not going to stop them; the season has just started and they are ready to play again.

Athlete of the Month By: Bryan Martinez & Jorge Hermosillo

MIDDLE SCHOOL ATHLETES

Jacob Dominguez

Jacob is a 7th grader here at the school. Coach Delaney said, "He is just a great athlete overall and likes to work hard all the time."



Shyanne Pierce

Shyanne is an 8th grader and loves to work hard. Coach had some very impressive words about her say-



ing, "She is one of the best athletes in the class and cannot wait until she becomes a high schooler to participate in sports."

HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETE-

Nathan Vicuna

Nathan is a freshman here at Beaver Dam High. He is a starting center for the 2K17 BDHS football team. Coach had some fantastic words to say about him. Coach Delaney says, "This freshman spent half of his summer lifting weights with high schoolers. He worked harder than anyone else to learn



and play a game he's never heard of."

Danielle Garlick

Danielle is the only Senior this year on this 2K17 BDHS Volleyball team. In the words of Coach Marrow, "She's a great team leader, works very hard everyday at practice. At the Dixie Tournament she gave 100% every game and was a great team leader." He also said that Danielle Garlick is very fun to coach.



American Professor and Oxford Employee Crime

By: Leticia Beltran & Janson Sherman

An American professor and an Oxford employee were both charged for stabbing a hairstylist in Chicago because the criminals thought of an inappropriate "fantasy." They hatched the plan in an online chat room of which included them harming themselves and someone else. The person that was murdered was stabbed 70 times at a Chicago condo and with such brutality that he was nearly decapitated. The two criminals

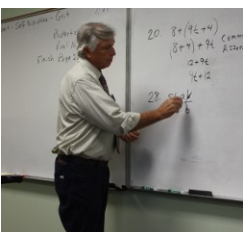
were friends with the victim and while the victim slept, one of the criminals stood at the doorway to stand guard as the other criminal began murdering the victim. They thought about recording the murder with one of their cell phones, but one of the criminals thought better of it. The victim woke up struggling to fight back, but the criminal standing by the doorway came to pin the victim down, killing him. Their original plan was to

take their lives after the murder, but they didn't follow through with their plan. They were caught several hours after police responded to a well-being check. The case is still underway, but the criminals are thankfully serving time in prison because of their violent actions. The moral of this is, no matter how much you try to outsmart the police you'll never win.

THE CRIMINAL IS
THE CREATIVE
ARTIST THE
DETECTIVE ONLY
THE CRITIC.
— G.K.
CHESTERTON

Welcome Back, Mr. Leany By: Ryley McKenzie

This school year, we are welcoming back a loved teacher whom most of us already know. Mr. Leany was a substitute last year and also stepped in for Mrs. Petersen for a while as she was away on family mat-



ters. Currently, he is our permanent math teacher for all 7-12 classes. Mr. Leany has worked in many year-round positions before. He says teaching grades 7-12 is exciting, and he loves to switch between classes. However, he claims that having so many kids can be difficult because he wants to greet them all before they come into the classroom but often doesn't have the time. His favorite class to teach is geometry. At the end of our interview, I

asked Mr. Leany if he could give some advice to his students that might help them excel in his classroom. He states, "Yes, just take it seriously in class and don't let your friends influence you and bring you down." Mr. Leany reminds us that we will get a good grade in the class if we focus and take it seriously.

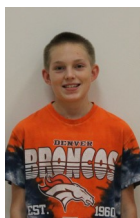


Students of the Month

MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS

Kole Snyder

Kole is a 7th grader and is just beginning his first year here at the Jr./Sr. High School. Outside of school he enjoys watching Youtube and flying drones. After he graduates high school he wants to become a Lego designer.



Monse Gomez

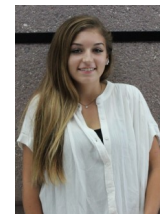
Monse is an 8th grader and loves to work hard. And home she likes to spend time on social media and create things. After graduation she wants to go to college, move to LA, and become a professional basketball player.



HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Lexii Frickberg

Lexii is a Junior here at Beaver Dam High. She is stays involved in a variety of sports and activities at school while maintaining a strong GPA. Her goal after she graduates is to become a pharmacy technician and then move on to becoming a pharmacist.



Jose Avila

Jose is in his Junior year. He plays basketball and is part of this years student council. After he graduates his goal is to become a teacher or an accountant



Guess Who? By Perla Mancha

This month's guess who are both female; the first one is 14 years old. Her birthday is on January 6, 2003. Her eye color is hazel, green and blue. Her favorite color is black. Her favorite animal is a sloth. She's also into any type of music genre.

The second girl is 13 years old. Her birthday is on March 18, 2004. Her eye color is blue. She loves the color turquoise. Her favorite animal is a giraffe. Her favorite music is pop.

The Start of a New Season

By: Caleb Mace & Liam Camp



Football team against Fredonia

As the football season slowly begins to roll in at Beaver Dam High School, the football team is hard at work getting prepared. Over the past couple weeks, they have had practice every day for several hours, except weekends. They have slowly adjusted into the period of the season where they begin to learn how to properly make a tackle and handle the football, as well as go over new plays. Through their several weeks it has been extremely difficult for them; especially, with the blisteringly hot weather outside for the summer. The

team had their first real challenge on Saturday of August 19th. They drove several hours to go to a jamboree for teams to gather and scrimmage. Unfortunately, though Beaver Dam is one of the smallest teams in the league, they still did their best. The only other teams to show up ended up being last year's state finalists. Unfortunately for BDHS, a few of the players ended up getting injured by the much bigger teams on Saturday. Hopefully, no other players end up getting injured based on the fact that 8 players are needed to at least play.

The team had their first regular season game against Fredonia High School on Friday, August 25th at Beaver Dam High School. This was a rival game for both schools and was the first test on how difficult each team will be throughout this season. The final score ended up to be 6-54. BDHS took a hard loss due to the fact that they had to forfeit. Too many players became injured, but Beaver Dam still played as hard as possible.