



# NEWSLETTER



## Welcome Aboard

Mrs. Prete, Mr. Kincheloe, & Ms. Karaus

We are excited to introduce some of the new faces that have joined the Notus School District team this year. We are fortunate to welcome Mr. Ben Kincheloe as our Elementary Principal. Mr. Kincheloe brings a wealth of expertise, strong leadership, and genuine care for our students, staff, and Pirate community. We are also thrilled to have Mrs. Trenna Prete serving as our school counselor. Mrs. Prete has already made a meaningful impact, jumping in with both feet to support students and staff at both schools. Additionally, we welcome Ms. Karaus as our new 4th grade teacher. Ms. Karaus has quickly become a beloved member of the teaching team, and her students adore her enthusiasm and commitment to learning. We are grateful to have these talented educators join our Pirate crew...Welcome Aboard!

## Notus is recognized in their Community Schools efforts

This year, Notus School District was honored by the United Way for our work in supporting students and families through the Community Schools model. We proudly received the "One Family, Bright Futures" award, a recognition of our commitment to ensuring every student has access to the resources they need to thrive.

We take great pride in serving our students, families, and community. If you have a need or would like to partner with us, please reach out.

As a reminder, our food and clothing pantry is open during the upcoming months, and we will once again be offering Thanksgiving Baskets filled with all the fixings for a holiday meal, as well as our annual Giving Tree project to support families during the holiday season. Together, we create brighter futures, one Pirate family at a time.



A heartfelt thank you to our exceptional PK team for their dedication for our littlest learners. We appreciate all you do to support our lil' Pirates!

Our youngest Pirates are enjoying the exciting new enhancement to the Preschool Playground! The new equipment, purchased last spring through grant funding in partnership with the Idaho Association for the Education of Young Children, has created a fun, safe, and developmentally rich play space for our preschoolers.

We are proud to celebrate an exciting and successful fall sports season here in Pirate Country! Our high school football team earned the title of 2A WIC Champions, showing grit, growth, and determination all season long. Our volleyball team competed fiercely in district play, demonstrating heart and resilience in every match.

At the junior high level, our football team wrapped up their season with a fun new tradition, a parents-vs-players game (with parents taking the win this year!). Our junior high volleyball team completed an outstanding, undefeated regular season and finished 2nd overall, showcasing teamwork and Pirate pride.

A huge thank you to our dedicated coaching staff for their leadership and commitment to our student athletes.





# PK-12 Music Program is REMARKABLE



In October, our Jr. Sr. High Band presented *The Composer is Dead: An Orchestral Mystery*. Ms. Smith and her talented musicians, 7th through 12th grade, wowed our audience with a creative and entertaining performance. We were also treated to special guest appearances from Mr. Forbes and Mr. Shada, who added even more fun to the evening!

Over the last three years, Ms. Smith's music program has tripled in student musicians, and her dedication to building a strong, inclusive program is truly remarkable. Through her efforts, the department has also secured grant funding to purchase and repair instruments, expanding access and opportunities for our students. We are incredibly proud of the growth, passion, and excitement happening in the Notus music program! We hope to see you at the next holiday performance on December 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m..



**Honoring Mrs. Kim Huter**

Coach David helped make our Senior Night extra special for our very own Pirate, Mrs. Kim Huter. Mrs. Huter is bravely fighting her own battle, and we were honored to recognize her strength and courage in such a meaningful way. Kim has touched the lives of many of our students, having taught elementary school to many of our current high schoolers. Her Pirate family stands with her, cheering her on every step of the way.



**Fit with Grit**



Notus Jr. Sr. High recently hosted our annual Fit with Grit event, where students in grades 6-12 participated in a variety of student selected workshops focused on building healthy minds and positive choices.

This special event is made possible through strong community partnerships that support the well-being of our Pirate students. From hands-on activities to engaging speakers, students explored tools and strategies to help them thrive both in and out of the classroom.

The event concluded with our beloved tradition, the walk to the water tower, celebrating wellness, resilience, and Pirate pride!

Thank you for a wonderful start to the school year! I am truly honored to serve as the Superintendent of the Notus School District and to be part of such a supportive and committed community. Wishing you and your families a season filled with warmth, joy, and many blessings as we head into the holidays.

Jen Wright, Superintendent