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## From the Superintendent



**To Bangor Public School Community,**  
As a community we are all collectively mourning and absolutely devastated to hear, read and watch about the horrific events at Oxford High School. We are keeping not only the Oxford Community in our thoughts but also all those that are dealing with the aftermath of the incident that is long reaching across not only the state but the nation.

This week there were many schools in Michigan closed due to threats later deemed not to be credible. In each of those instances, administration and law enforcement are obligated to investigate, even if found not credible. Every threat against a school and its members while at school must be taken seriously and this takes away valuable resources both from the school, the police and then ultimately the criminal justice system. **These situations, even if found not credible, may result in student school discipline and potential criminal charges.**

We urge all community members to follow these Dos and Don'ts of School Safety:

- DO:** Speak up immediately if you see or hear something concerning. Students can confidentially tell a trusted adult at school or confidentially report through OK2SAY (text 652729 or call 8-555-OK2SAY).
- DO:** Follow the simple security procedures in every Bangor Public School building at all times; be where you are supposed to be during the school day. Only use the main/secure entrances during the school day.
- DO NOT:** "Hide" or congregate in bathrooms or locker rooms.
- DO NOT:** Prop or open other doors, even for people you may know.
- DO NOT:** Re-post and/or share threats on your social media. This type of behavior creates more fear and spreads false information. If a threat is seen online, report it to administration or police **immediately**. Students need to be aware that law enforcement has the tools to track down individuals who make any threats, even from newly created or anonymous social media accounts.
- DO NOT:** Make 'jokes' about school violence or weapons of any kind whether verbally or online (social media, video game chats, etc). These comments are taken seriously whether they are made in school or out of school. We will follow up and follow through on school discipline. This type of talk is unacceptable.
- DO:** Go back about the Student Handbook with your child: South Walnut <https://bit.ly/3pMbBVq>, Middle School/High School <https://bit.ly/30cHs8P>.

You will find the handbook acknowledgement form, and electronic signature release by logging into the PowerSchool Parent Portal here <https://psbangor.vbisd.org> Once logged in, click "Forms". If you don't have a username and password for the PowerSchool Parent Portal, please contact your student's school office. In addition, we will go back over our school training in A.L.I.C.E. A.L.I.C.E stands for:

- Alert** – Alert is your first notification of danger. Maintain good situational awareness to overcome normalcy bias and ensure the best response to a critical incident or violent intruder.
- Lockdown** – Barricade the room.
- Inform** – Communicate the violent intruder's location and direction in real-time. To do this, pass on real-time information using any means necessary. Examples are video surveillance, 911 calls and PA announcements.
- Counter** – Not to be confused with fighting, this step involves creating noise, movement, distance and distraction. Its intent is to reduce the shooter's ability to shoot accurately.
- Evacuate** – Safe and strategic evacuation techniques get people out of harm's way. Understand how your current environment impacts your ability to evacuate and discover the safest ways to do so.

We know the experience at Oxford High School adds an emotional challenge for all students, families and staff. Please reach out to your our school mental health team members:  
South Walnut Social Worker, Mrs. Nicole Johnston njohnston@bangorvikings.org Middle School Social Worker, Ms. Nicole Kindig nkindig@bangorvikings.org High School Social Worker, Ms. Kate Fitzsimons kfitzsimons@bangorvikings.org

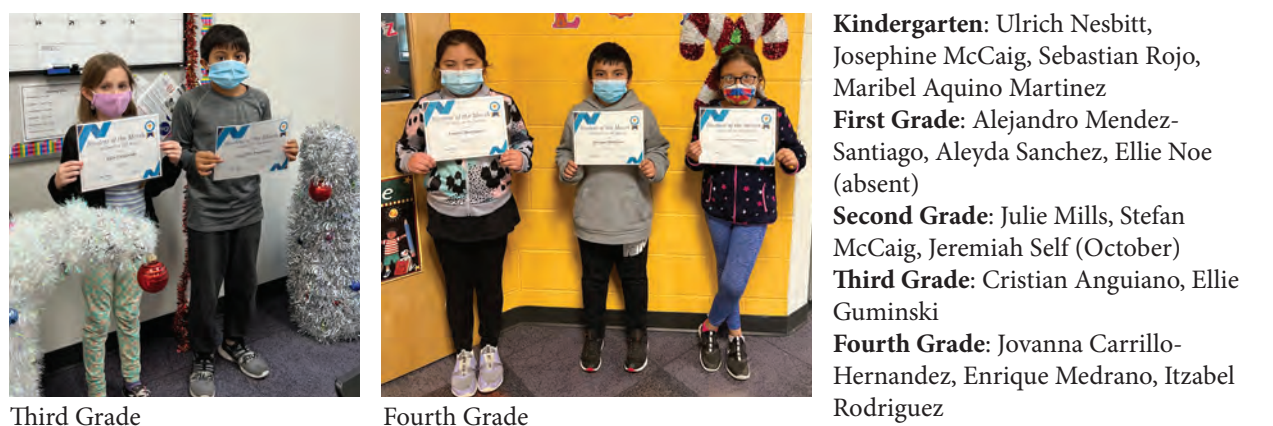
Ensuring students understand the importance of school safety will add another layer to the safety and wellbeing of all who attend Bangor Public Schools.

Be Safe. Be Well. Be Viking Strong.  
The Bangor Public Schools Administrative Team

## South Walnut Elementary November Students of the Month



- Kindergarten:** Ulrich Nesbitt, Josephine McCaig, Sebastian Rojo, Maribel Aquino Martinez
- First Grade:** Alejandro Mendez-Santiago, Aleyda Sanchez, Ellie Noe (absent)
- Second Grade:** Julie Mills, Stefan McCaig, Jeremiah Self (October)
- Third Grade:** Cristian Anguiano, Ellie Guminski
- Fourth Grade:** Jovanna Carrillo-Hernandez, Enrique Medrano, Itzabel Rodriguez



## Reading is Fun!

Book Buddies: Mrs. Bunting (4<sup>th</sup> grade), and Mrs. Briley (Kindergarten) share the love of reading with their classes. Each Friday the two grade levels get together with their buddy and read to each other.



**Little Viking Credit Union Opening in January 2022**

**HONOR CREDIT UNION**



**SURVEY EMERGENCY RELIEF FUND**

Dear Bangor Community,  
Please take time to let us know your opinion by completing the brief survey below.  
ESSER III Survey 2021-2022 (English) Bangor Public Schools is in regards to applying to receive Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Funds (ESSER III).  
These funds are designated for one-time or short-term expenditures to address the ongoing impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. We are seeking your input about how to allocate these resources. To complete the survey, enter the link below in the search box of your smart phone, tablet, or computer:  
<https://forms.gle/G2etQkEPhvptpC77>  
Thank you,  
Bangor Public Schools

## Music class with Mr. Measzros



First grade students from Mrs. Moench's class enjoy their "specials" time singing Christmas music with Mr. Measzros. Mr. Mez will video each class and look for that on social media!

## Bangor Middle School

### Student of the Week and Viking on the Rise Award Recipients

Featured are Bangor Middle School Students of the Week (SOTW) and Viking on the Rise (VOTR) award recipients for the week of 12/13/21.



Pictured starting from the left are Steven Crans, Gracie Mortensen, Sayda Geronimo-Morales, Talon Abbott, Luke Remington, and Humberto Garcia. Students not pictured are Claire Hiemsath and Wyatt Schneider.

Below is broken down by grade and award.

5th grade SOTW is Talon Abbott	6th Grade Humberto Garcia SOTW	7th Grade Luke Remington SOTW	8th Grade Claire Hiemsath SOTW
VOTR is Gracie Mortensen	Steven Crans VOTR	Sayda Geronimo-Morales VOTR	Wyatt Schneider VOTR

### Bangor Middle School Band Students compete in Solo and Ensemble

On Saturday, December 4 Bangor Middle School band students were able to participate in the MSBOA District 6 MS Solo and Ensemble hosted here at Bangor Middle School. Here are the students that participated:

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|------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| Theo Garza             | Angel Barajas       | Anthony Franco-Rivera  |
| Nicole Winkleblack     | Harley Marr         | Jose Gonzalez          |
| Paloma Martinez-Crotes | Julissa Gamino      | Angelia Diaz           |
| Amiyah Corona          | Nevaeh Ramos        | Oscar Franco           |
| Madison Lennox         | Derenity DeSantiago | Naomi Andrade          |
| Luke Remington         | Stasia Petranek     | Emmaleigh Kish         |
| Emalee Kraus           | Lauryn Anderson     | Trapp Abbott           |
| Ayden Hamlett          | Trap Abbott         | Jack Loomis            |
| Carson Crandall        | Emma Montoya        | Nicholas Hardester     |
| Marlee Nead            | Jack Loomis         | Breana Wines           |
| Analia Diaz            | Ismael Rodriguez    | Daniel Marin-Hernandez |
| Hayden Robertson       | Araceli Ramos       | Yarnissa Campbell      |
| Raquel Antonio         | Aanzhenii Smith     |                        |
| Shayla Gamino          |                     |                        |



**ATHLETIC EVENT PUNCH CARDS FOR SALE.**

**PURCHASE A PUNCH CARD TO FAST TRACK YOUR ADMISSION INTO HIGH SCHOOL SPORTING EVENTS!**

**COST IS \$40.00 FOR A TEN GAME PUNCH CARD (A \$10.00 SAVINGS) AND \$75.00 FOR A 20 GAME PUNCH CARD (A \$25.00 SAVINGS).**

**THE PUNCH CARDS CAN BE USED INDIVIDUALLY OR FOR A FAMILY AT EACH GAME. 1 PUNCH FOR EVERY SPECTATOR ADMITTED.**

**THESE CARDS CAN BE PURCHASED AT THE DOOR OR IN THE ATHLETIC OFFICE DURING THE DAY.**

**10 GAME PUNCH CARD: \$40 • 20 GAME PUNCH CARD: \$75**

## Bangor High School

### Viking of the Month and Turn Around Viking Awards

Congrats are in order for Connor Brouwer and Esveydi Alcaez for earning Viking of the Month. Both students have shown academic excellence throughout the month of November. Also, congrats to Clint Cagle and Devon Gilliland for earning the Turn Around Viking Award. Both students have shown great improvement throughout the month.



**Chris Walker wins Lake Michigan College Scholarship Raffle**

A representative from Lake Michigan College came to the game at Bangor High School to conduct a 500.00 Scholarship Raffle. Chris Walker is our proud recipient of this award.



### The Bangor Bands put on a Heartwarming Holiday Concert

The Bangor Bands held its annual Holiday Concert on Thursday, December 2, and it was a heartwarming display of Holiday musical fun. The Jazz band played a set that had concert goers' feet tapping, followed by a performance by the 6<sup>th</sup> grade Band. The middle school then played a fun holiday piece, aided by Middle School Principal Paul Marfia who served as a narrator during the performance. Lastly, the high school band finished with a few holiday favorites, including "Sleigh Ride," which was helped by Principal Eric Adams, who played the signature slap sound during the performance.



**Congratulations to these Bangor Community Ed. students for passing GED tests: Bridget Poindexter: Social Studies Wil Moore: Math • Tristan Ayotte: Social Studies • Sydney Cramer: Science**