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From the Superintendent



BANGOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS Community Survey on District Facilities

Thank you for your ongoing commitment and support of Bangor Public Schools!

The District has recently initiated a facilities assessment study in order to gain a better understanding of both our current and future facility needs.

As we look to the future of educating our community's children, it's important to understand and plan for how our district will continue to provide the best possible environment for their learning and development.

Teaching and learning look much different today than when our school buildings were constructed and renovated. Diverse student instructional needs have expanded and can be better supported with physical and academic environments that inspire 21st century student learning.

We have developed some questions for our community to answer to help us in this process as we move forward. Please take a few moments to complete the following 10 minute survey. Your input is valued and very important to this process.

Thank you in advance for your time and for helping to plan for the future of Bangor Public Schools. The survey can be accessed at either of the following:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BangorCommunity>
or District Homepage: www.bangorvikings.org

South Walnut Elementary

October Students of the Month



Kindergarten: Aubree Shafer, Gabriel Sanchez, David Villalobos, Piper Galemore.
First Grade: Carson Carpenter, Leandro Jimenez, Bryson Siebel (not pictured).
Second Grade: Jolee Silva, Lillian Cook.
Third Grade: Ophie Slazek, Gavin Flagel.
Fourth Grade: Yoltzin Escalante, Angel Oseguera, Kimberly Gamino.

Literacy Night was a ton of fun at Bangor's South Walnut Elementary



Literacy Night took place on Tuesday, November 16 and had lots of attendees.

Little Viking Credit Union
Opening in January 2022

HONOR CREDIT UNION

A huge thank you to Mrs. Fletcher, Business Office at Bangor Public Schools for organizing and leading the wonderful Veteran's Day Program on November 11th. This was our 20th year to honor and celebrate our Veterans. The High School Band and Choir performed along with poetry and readings from the Middle School and High School Students. South Walnut Elementary 4th grade students had the opportunity to make a poster, or write a poem. The top 3 were chosen by the Business Office. Congratulations to our winners.

Bangor's Veterans Day Ceremony Honors Our Soldiers

Bangor Public School's Veterans Day Ceremony on Thursday, November 11 was full of enduring moments of pomp and circumstance, and remembrance.

The ceremony included opening remarks from BPS Superintendent Lynn Johnson, followed by an introduction by South Walnut Elementary Principal Karen Bitzer of all veterans in attendance.

High school student Roberto France then read a speech titled "Why November 11," which was followed by a tribute to veteran John Huizenga by Middle School principal, Paul Marfia.

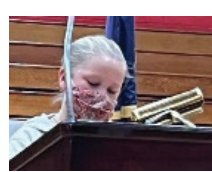
High school band students Emily Underwood and Christopher Ramirez played a rousing rendition of "Taps," which preceded a reading of "The Meaning Behind the 13 folds of the United States Flag," by Dan Thorbjornsen; demonstrated by Mr. Brian Greiner and Mr. Terry Johnson.

The Bangor High School choir performed "America the Beautiful," which was followed by a presentation of the middle and high school Veterans Day poster contest winners. The day's guest speaker was Staff Sergeant Justin Self followed with a speech.

The ceremony then moved on to announcing the elementary winners of the poster contests, followed by the winners of the middle and high school essays contests. Middle School first place winner for the essay contest performed a reading, followed by high school first place winner Grace Eisner.

The Bangor High School band played a set of military songs, followed by closing remarks from the Superintendent and boy scouts with colors proceeded to dismiss the veterans.

The winners of the poster contests were: Sophia Cantrell (4th grade, first place), Ben Loomis (4th grade, second place), Tatum Fitzner (4th grade, third place), Jesus Rosas-Andrade (5th grade, first place), Breana Wines (8th grade, second place), Lily Sugden (8th grade, third place), Jaelynn Little (9th grade, first place), Annalis Ramos (9th grade, second place), Carley McCoy (9th grade, third place.)



Rachel Loomis (5th grade) reads her first place essay.



Gracie Eisner reading her essay which earned first place in the High School essay contest.

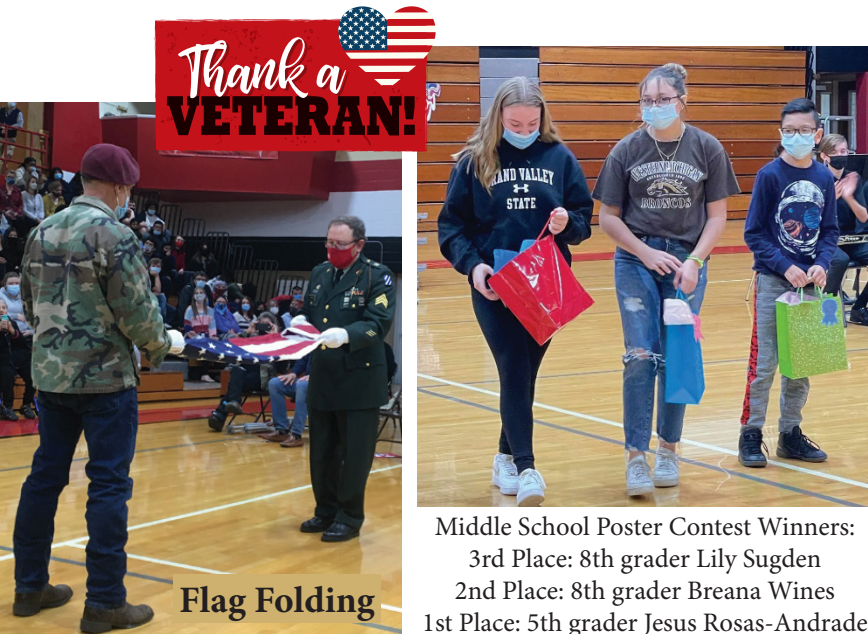


Veterans applauding as their comrade is announced.

An air force veteran is announced.



First Place Winner Sophia Cantrell
Second Place Winner Ben Loomis
Third Place Winner Tatum Fitzner



Middle School Poster Contest Winners:
 3rd Place: 8th grader Lily Sugden
 2nd Place: 8th grader Breana Wines
 1st Place: 5th grader Jesus Rosas-Andrade



The Bangor High School Band performed an ensemble of military songs also the Bangor High School choir sang "America the Beautiful."

Bangor High School

Bangor Band Students Perform With The MSBOA All-Star Band

Fifteen Bangor High School Band students auditioned for the MSBOA (Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association) performed with the MSBOA District 6 All-Star Band on Friday, November 19.

The students first auditioned for the MSBOA All-Star band in October.

"This is like getting All-Conference in athletics," stated Bangor Band director, Tiana Doe.

The concert was held at Paw Paw High School's auditorium.

"I am so proud of how these students played and behaved. They represented Bangor well," continued Doe.

"My band director's heart is full tonight. It was such an honor to be a part of this today."

Bangor band students who performed included: Isabel Marfia - 2nd Chair Flute, Kenzie Parish - 3rd Chair Oboe, Carley McCoy - 3rd Chair Clarinet, Kendra Russell - 2nd Chair Bass Clarinet, Cloe Hull - 2nd Chair Alto Saxophone, Aiden Ball - 5th Chair French Horn, Christopher Ramirez - 5th Chair Trumpet, Emily Underwood - 6th Chair Trumpet, Juan Carlos Garcia - 8th Chair Trumpet, Ethan Abbott - 4th Chair Trombone, Briana Sweeney - 6th Chair Trombone, James Gleason - 1st Chair Euphonium, Christopher Walker - 2nd Chair Tuba, Charles Walantyn - 1st Chair Percussion, and Alex Hay - 3rd Chair Percussion.



Bangor Middle School

Ice Cream Social

Our Bangor Middle School participated in an ice cream social to celebrate the academic achievement of our Honor Roll students. This included our students that earned an A and B average throughout the first quarter of school. Approximately, 82 of our middle school students were able to enjoy ice cream and their choice of topping. Students were able to sit down with their friends and also to our students' surprise be on their cell phones. We are excited to see the number of students participating in our ice cream social increase next quarter.

Student of the Week and Viking on the Rise Breakfast

Throughout the first quarter our staff seeks out students that exhibit the qualities of Viking Strong. This is a motto created by the Bangor Middle School Principal Mr. Paul Marfia. These qualities include Teamwork, Integrity, Pride, Excellence, and Respect. Students that LIVE these principles can be nominated by our teaching staff to be Student of the Week (SOTW) and be awarded the title Viking on the Rise (VOTR). SOTW includes students that are Viking Strong but also are performing well in the classroom. Also, we award students with the title VOTR, which are students that live Viking Strong and are rapidly improving their grades.

This brings us to our SOTW and VOTR Breakfast. Bangor Middle School hosted a breakfast and invited the parents/guardians of our award winners to celebrate, award, and recognize our middle school students from last quarter. Mr. Marfia also explained the meaning behind our school motto Viking Strong and how each student earned the awards. Our main goal was to recognize and celebrate each individual student and give them a certificate for their efforts. This included a big applause from the crowd of parents/guardians and students. The last and final surprise of the breakfast was the announcement of Student of the Marking Period. The teaching staff voted on all the SOTW award winners from each grade (5th, 6th, 7th, and

8th) to find four students that will be recognized for Student of the Marking Period. This included Nereida Sanchez (5th grade), Magdaly Gonzalez (6th grade), Yarnissis Campbell (7th grade), and Madison Lennox (8th grade). These students LIVE the Viking Strong Motto and give their greatest effort in the classroom and became Bangor Middle School's Students' of the Marking Period. To continue the celebration of our Vikings' of the Marking Period, we will place their awards in their grade hallway above their lockers. The SOTW and VOTR Breakfast was a great way to honor and recognize our students that LIVE the Motto VIKING STRONG and work hard in the classroom. Below are the award winners from quarter one for SOTW and VOTR:

SOTW - Camden Guminski, Rubi Franco, Yarnissia Campbell, Mikkie Griego-Carter, Jaxon Valentine, Samantha Ogradny, Magdaly Gonzalez, Emma Montoya, Mareli Rosas-Andrade, Nereida Sanchez, Jocelynn Little, Quinn Dykstra, Jaxon Webb, Serenity Preston, Solexy Calderon, Ethan Nielsen, and Serenity DeSantiago.

VOTR - Jenevieve Mills, Ximena Saucedo, Julissa Gamino, Aaron Mora, Roman Booth, Allison Ramos, Ajayna Wilburn, Antonio Loyola, Ariah Schultz, Anahi Barajas, Madison Smith, Kyle VanNess, Lyam Burch, Emelyn Gamino-Geronimo, Liam Bulley, Emanuel Betancourt, Aubrey Smith, Jonas Slazek, Hayley Cummins, and Devin Sandora.



Bangor High School's Production of Roald Dahl's "Matilda The Musical"
Saturday, December 11 @ 2:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.
Sunday, December 12 @ 2:00 p.m.

FAFSA Night
Free Application for Federal Student Aid
FAFSA can take up to 30-60 minutes. Both students and parent/guardian should be present.

COLLEGE JUST AHEAD

What to bring:
 • 2020 federal income tax returns, W-2s, & any other records of money earned for both parents AND students
 • Parent's 2020 income tax return, W-2 forms, and 1040 forms if student is a dependent
 • Social security number, driver's license, and/or alien registration form for non-US citizens.

Wednesday, Dec. 8th, 5:30-7:30 pm
801 W. Arlington St.
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Bangor Career Academy

Career Academy 9-12th grade students were invited to attend a college tour at Kalamazoo Valley Community College on Friday, November 12th.

Students learned about the different degree programs that are in high demand.

The group toured the entire Texas township campus facilities and had an opportunity to ask questions of current KVCC student leaders. Thank you to KVCC for hosting this wonderful event!

BANGOR HIGH SCHOOL MHSAA Coaches Training

Thirteen Bangor coaches took advantage and attended the MHSAA CAP 1 training held at Bangor High School on Saturday, November 20, 2021.

Topics covered included: MHSAA Coaches Make a Difference, Effective Instruction and Managing Risks/Sports Medicine. This was the 1st step towards earning their MHSAA Coaching Certification.

Next Spring on March 5, 2022, MHSAA CAP 2 will be offered to continue their coaching education. It is the goal of the Bangor Athletic Department to have all coaches certified by Fall of 2022.

Technology

PowerSchool Parent Portal

Parents, keep up-to-date with your students' attendance, grades, and assignments by using the PowerSchool Parent Portal. Log in or create a new account here psbangor.vbisd.org.

You can connect all your students to your Parent Portal account to get one-stop access to your students academic information. If you don't already have a PowerSchool Parent Portal account, contact your student's school office to obtain a username and password.

Some parents and students are already using the Portal! Here are the numbers for October 1st - October 29th, which represent the number of times parents and students logged into the Portal:

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| South Walnut Elementary School | High School |
| • Parent Logins = 372 | • Parent Logins = 1772 |
| • Student Logins = 8 | • Student Logins = 6201 |
| Middle School | Career Academy |
| • Parent Logins = 935 | • Parent Logins = 367 |
| • Student Logins = 931 | • Student Logins = 52 |

Mobile App and Instant Alert Messages
Download our Mobile App for Android or iPhone here <http://launch.customschoolapp.net/bangor-public-schools>. Once you install the app, press the SETTINGS icon to select which schools you'd like to receive notifications for. The Mobile App is a great way to get up-to-the-minute school and district information! We have over 200 Mobile App downloads and 3541 App page views so far!

To ensure you get our Instant Alert phone calls, texts, and emails, contact your student's school office to update your email address and phone number.

WINTER BREAK
DECEMBER 20 - DECEMBER 31
SCHOOL RESUMES MONDAY, JANUARY 3