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South Walnut Elementary



50 South Walnut students in total completed one full hour of learning computer coding!

★ Students of the Month ★

November:
Kindergarten: Catalina S., Donald F., Daleyza M.M.
1st grade: Lamar H., Forrest G., Elijah V.
2nd grade: Phoenix M., Nico G., Avery H.
3rd grade: Braxton S., Jesus G., Jolee S.
4th grade: Avani V., Cami L.

Breakfast with the Teacher

South Walnut Elementary has implemented a breakfast with the teacher event in which parents are invited. This month, Mrs. Cook's, Mrs. Loomis, and Mrs. Fritz's classes were featured. Parents joined in on learning activities with their students, played games, and also were able to see presentations of what each class has been working on throughout the semester.



It's not only fun...it's Science!



Mrs. Vassar's class is learning about the physical properties of matter. The students created hats that would keep the wearer cool in the heat, shade the sun and absorb sweat.



Auntie Claus (retired Bangor teacher Mrs. Jean Szczyka) read to the students during Spirit week. Students and staff in all buildings dressed up for different holiday themes during the final week before winter break.



Christmas Concert

The 20th South Walnut Elementary Christmas concert took place on Tuesday, December 20. Prior to the concert, students were able to take pictures with an extra special guest...Santa! The students then performed a variety of songs including favorites like "Feliz Navidad," and "Let it Snow," and also played songs on recorders. Raffle winners were also chosen and received themed baskets filled with items that the community and PTO had been collecting throughout the month.



Bangor Career Academy



This month, Kim from Kettering University spoke to Bangor Career Academy students and the Robotics team about opportunities for them at Kettering.

Congratulations!
JAY- PASSED LANGUAGE ARTS GED TEST
JONATHAN- PASSED SCIENCE GED TEST
OLIVIA- PASSED LANGUAGE ARTS GED TEST

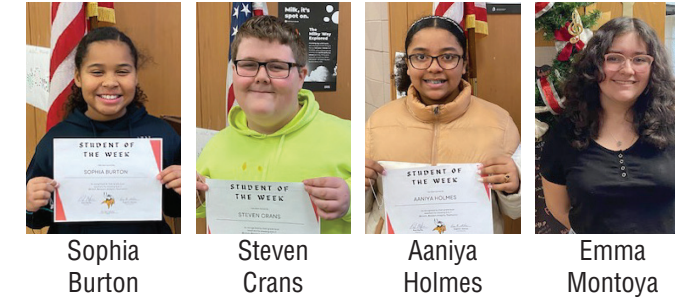
Congratulations
Brisa | **Everette**
Winner of the Week 13 Leadership Challenge | Winner of the Week 14 Leadership Challenge

Bangor Middle School

Students of the Week- November 21-25



Students of the Week- Nov. 28- Dec. 2



Vikings on the Rise - November



Students of the Week- December 5-9



Band Solo & Ensemble Competition



Bangor Middle School Band students competed in the MSBOA District 6 Solo & Ensemble competition, held at Paw Paw Middle school on Saturday, December 3. Many students earned medals for their performances.

Students compete in Spelling Bee

Can you spell poppet? How about unacknowledged? Our middle school spelling bee students CAN spell those words, and more. On December 5, the annual Bangor Middle School Spelling Bee was held in the middle school library. Participating students include Brayden Guy, Makenzi Houchin, Bellah Gray, and Rachel Loomis. They lasted through sixteen suspenseful rounds of spelling, before declaring our top three spellers. First place was Brayden Guy, second place was Rachel Loomis, and third place was Bellah Gray. A special honorable mention goes to Makenzi Houchin for her outstanding effort.

Brayden, Rachel, and Bellah will advance to the Cloverleaf Regional Spelling Bee at Lake Michigan College on February 22, 2023. Students from Berrien, Cass, and Van Buren County participate in this regional spelling bee. The winner from this bee will advance to the National Spelling Bee in Washington, D.C. in May. Thank you to the Bangor Alumni Foundation for sponsoring this event and always supporting our students.

Bangor High School

Olivet College Launches New Direct Admissions Program to Bangor Students

Bangor High School Students will now be automatically admitted to Olivet College, as a part of the new Olivet Direct program which makes admissions faster and easier for qualified students.

The program guarantees that seniors who graduate in the spring of 2023 and enter as first time students to Olivet College in the fall of 2023, will receive institutional grants of at least \$15,000 per year toward the cost of attendance.

"As Superintendent of Bangor Public Schools, I am greatly honored to enter into this agreement with Dr. Corey and Olivet College. To be able to offer Bangor Graduates the opportunity to attend Olivet College tuition free, and pursue their "Post-Secondary" dreams is a once in a lifetime opportunity,"

stated Bangor Superintendent Lynn Johnson.

Students may receive upwards of \$60,000 in grants over four years to pay for tuition and fees. Bangor High School students may also qualify for the Olivet College ADVANTAGE Scholarship, which will cover the full cost of tuition and general fees after all other grants and scholarships are applied.

"Olivet College is proud to launch our new Olivet Direct! program. We are thrilled that Bangor Public Schools students will be the first to take advantage of direct admission and benefit from our generous financial awards structure," said Olivet President Corey. "An Olivet College education alters the trajectory of a person's life. A four-year degree



Bangor Superintendent Lynn Johnson (right) shakes hands with Olivet President Steven Corey in agreement over the Olivet Direct Program.

increases a person's lifetime earnings, opens the door to countless career possibilities, broadens life experiences, and offers opportunities to build lasting friendships and mentorships with diverse populations."

Students participate in "Lunch with the Superintendent"

On December 6, BHS students joined Superintendent Johnson for a luncheon held in the high school library. The goal of the meeting was to hear student input about how to improve the school. Some of the top performing students from each grade level attended the luncheon to share ideas with the Superintendent, while BHS Principal Eric Adams was also in attendance.

"We want to hear what our students have to say, and to give them a voice," said Superintendent Johnson. Topics discussed included decreasing the absent rate, decreasing class failure rates, reducing behavior referrals, developing a positive school culture, improving communication, improving safety, and the battle of the fans school spirit challenge.

Students were asked to share their thoughts on solutions to the various issues. The students then brainstormed together in groups, and then wrote their ideas down on a poster board to be recorded and shared. The next Superintendent/Student Advisory council meeting will include students from each grade level who are struggling the most academically. The overall goal is obtaining student opinion as a driving influence in order to improve trust, community engagement, and ensure that BHS students have the knowledge and skills to prepare for new challenges, both in school and in the future.



Merry Christmas & Happy Holidays
WINTER BREAK: DECEMBER 26-JANUARY 6
SCHOOL RESUMES: JANUARY 9, 2023
from your staff of BANGOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Bangor High School Hispanic Student Association hosts Christmas Fiesta



This month, Bangor families enjoyed a Christmas Fiesta (posada) organized by the Bangor bilingual/migrant staff & Hispanic Student Association. HSA secretary/BHS senior Abel Muñoz performed songs, while attendees enjoyed eating tamales and breaking piñatas among the activities.