

7th-12th Principal's Report

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Well, the winter sports season is upon us and our students are gearing up for the long season ahead of them. This year we have added another winter sports activity - girls wrestling. We have four girls on our girls wrestling team that we are co-oping with Southern Valley. The girls have been working hard to learn this new sport and are excited to take the mat for the first time on Friday, December 6 at Southwest. Here are the roster numbers for our Winter Sports teams:

- Junior High Wrestling - 14
- Junior High Girls Basketball - 12
- Junior High Boys Basketball - 20
- Unified Bowling - 10
- Bowling (Boys) - 6
- Bowling (Girls) - 7
- Girls Wrestling - 4
- Boys Wrestling - 13
- Boys Basketball - 18
- Girls Basketball - 11

STUCO put together some activities for Anti-Bullying Week (Nov 11-15). On Monday, the students watched an Anti-Bullying video during Warrior Time. Tuesday was Odd Sock Day; Wednesday was Kindness Bingo; Thursday was a paper chain activity and Friday was Positive Note Day.

I want to give a big shout out to our students who participated in the NMEA All State Choir performance this past week. Kristin Holcomb and Lael Rathbun represented APS at the high school level. Liam Garcia-Tarula,, Dani Holcomb and Alaina Leising were selected to perform for the Nebraska Middle Level Choir. It was great to have such great representation for our school and community!

We will be participating in the Winter NSCAS Testing on December 11 and 12. This will include our 7th and 8th grade students who will be testing in Math and Reading.

Please be sure to attend our upcoming Christmas Concerts. The 7th through 12th grade Christmas Concert will be held on Thursday, December 12 at 7:00 pm, in the north gym.

I want to thank the Board for allowing Mr. Ellis and I to attend the State Principals Conference this week in Lincoln. I was able to bring home some ideas that I think will help our struggling students, which I will implement in the Spring. I also attended two sessions that were very eye opening: "Threats Facing Schools" and Stop Calling It Marijuana. What Schools Need To Know About High Potency THC, Vaping & Fentanyl." It was also a great time to network with fellow principals from around the state. I will truly miss this event.

Semester finals for grades 9th-12th will be on Wednesday, December 18 (Odd Periods) and Thursday, December 19 (Even Periods). Make Up Finals day will be Friday, December 20. We will be going to the Crystal Theatre after lunch on Friday to watch a movie. We will once again have Semester Finals Rewards for those students who have met the criteria. I will begin the process of sending out that list to the students and staff.