



# BROOKINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT



Brookings High School Activities Department

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To: Board of Education

From: Jeff Dvorak, Director of Activities

Re: Administrative Report - Activities

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## ACTIVITY UPDATES

Band...has transitioned into the winter season with the Drumline and Color Guard groups starting rehearsals. The Winter Band Concert will be on December 14 out at The Oscar Larson PAC.

Oral Interp & Debate...continue their impressive run. At the SDHSAA state festival we had 2 Interp performers receive Superiors and at the competition in Omaha our Debaters once again were the Sweepstakes winners. The Oral Interp team will now switch to its "second season" in the Forensics League that will continue on with Debate

Girls & Boys Basketball...have had a few weeks of practice. The GBB numbers are in the mid-20's while the boys did have to make a few cuts to get our numbers to a manageable number around 40. Both teams will open up against Watertown at the end of the first week of December.

Wrestling...began practice 3 weeks ago and they have weighed in and competed once - the boys up in Wahpeton and the girls down at Viborg. Both did very well and it looks we will have a solid season. The boys have about 25 wrestlers and the girls are around 8.

Choir...has also changed seasons. They have had auditions and made selections for Nothin' But Treble, Swing Republic and Smooth Spectrum - our 3 Vocal Jazz groups. Also, the Choir has the OLPAC lined up for our Winter Concert on December 7; I'm sure it will be another outstanding performance.

Gymnastics...started practice a month ago and have competed twice with a first place finish at Huron and a 6<sup>th</sup> place showing at Mitchell. We also hosted our JV Jamboree on Dec 5 where our younger girls had a chance to compete for the first time.

Musical/Theater... is moving from the Musical to the One - Act. Anyone who saw *The Addams Family* musical in mid-November can't deny that we truly have some high level actors, directors, musicians and tech folks. It was outstanding. Next up, is our One - Act play. Auditions have just been completed and the cast list is about to be posted. Ms. Hummel is excited about the play and the quality of returners she has from last year's award-winning group.

FFA....returns back from Rapid City and the State Leadership event early in the week; it wouldn't be a big surprise if they had another outstanding run...looking forward to hearing about that trip

## OTHER UPDATES/ISSUES/INFO

### Jostad Gym

- The good news is that the final top coat of finish should be on and drying the first week of December. The bad news is that this has been an extremely high maintenance project for myself, Brian Lueders, the custodians, and various coaches. After being assured of a "ready" date of Nov 20 that quickly turned into Nov 27 and is now hopefully Dec 11, I can only say that I am disappointed in the communication of H2I Group. I have recently learned that they are on the books to do the floors in both of our elementary gyms - I truly hope those go smoother.

### Winter Sports Meeting

- This meeting for Gymnastics, B & G Basketball, and Wrestling (HS & MS) was well-attended and I hear many good comments about the information shared and the break out sessions of the head coaches

### On-Line Ticketing

- Myself and Tammy Bullington (Admin Asst) with via Zoom with a rep from Bound (the SDHSAA on line site for game results, rosters, schedules, etc). We are looking at a more efficient way to sell tickets for events like the musical and potentially concerts where it is necessary to count tickets, assign seats, etc. We are discussing the possibility of charging admission for events such as those mentioned above that require rental fees, higher copyright fees, or other expenses not found in a more common or regular event (athletic game).

### Sports-Fine Arts Conflicts

- There have been at least three dates this year when a fine arts event (concert) has fallen on the same date and time of an athletic event. This is really putting our Learners in a tough spot as they are usually quite torn on which to attend. Add to that, the fact that coaches/directors have expectations for these individuals (some of those are connected to grades) and their teammates want them there. So I will really need to look at getting these events separated and on dates that hold steady through the years.

### Scheduling

- I, along with the AA AD's, have met a few times to try to lock in dates for our athletic events next year. This is a pretty involved and regularly feels like a aiming at a moving target since we all have a variety of events to dodge (see conflicts above!). Next year is what is called a "roll back" year. Basically, if we had a game on Oct 10 this past year...it will be moved back one week next year. So, that same event would fall on the Oct 15 (2 days due to Feb & leap year stuff). What makes this tough is that the rest of the school calendar world doesn't always follow that roll back. As a result, events that weren't involved in conflicts this year, might run into issues next year. Another issue is that we will not received our Football schedules from the SDHSAA office until spring. So, we will not be able to schedule some events (Homecoming, Coronation, Parade, travel on Saturdays, etc) until we know where we will be playing those Friday night games.