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Home of the Bobcats

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TO: Board of Education
FROM: Mike Jewett, Director of Activities
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Greetings from the Activities Office and welcome to another school year! Our fall seasons are under way, and it's fun to see our students, coaches and directors representing the Bobcats. New to our staff this year are Isaac McMahon (Marching Band), Brittany DeRyke (Competitive Cheer), Jackie Johnson (Competitive Dance), and Hannah Siemonsma (Fall Sideline Cheer). In addition, we filled a number of assistant positions this summer and continue to work towards a full staff for the winter and spring seasons. Thanks to everyone for supporting our students and staff.

Girls Soccer – We have 40 players on our roster: 11 seniors, 5 juniors, 11 sophomores, 2 freshmen and 11 seventh & eighth graders. After 6 games we continue to work on our passing and offensive attack, while also figuring out which formations suit our squad best and gives us the best chance to be successful. We have 3 home games remaining with Parents' Night on September 16 and Senior Night September 21.



Boys Soccer – With a veteran team led by 11 seniors, we have faced the toughest part of our schedule early in the season. During a seven day stretch, we tied defending state champion O'Gorman 0-0, lost on the road to highly ranked Aberdeen Central, and defeated our ESD rival Watertown 4-2. As we look to the second half of our season, we are excited to put it all together and send our large senior class out on a high.



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Marching Band – Under the direction of Isaac McMahon, we have been busy practicing our music and field show since July. Our first competition was in Sioux Falls on August 21 and over the next seven straight weekends we will compete in Iowa, Minnesota and South Dakota. In addition we will perform at halftime of the next three home football games. Hopefully everyone can find an opportunity to hear us play and see us perform!



Competitive Cheer – We have 19 members on the competitive cheer team and just recently finished our first competition of the season in Watertown. We travel to Yankton this week before hosting our home invite at the Swiftel Center on September 18 at 11:00am. Come on out and support our squad! In the coming weeks we will continue to work on our skills, stunts and routines in preparation for our remaining schedule, including the ESD and state meets.





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Competitive Dance – Our squad is composed of 2 seniors, 4 juniors, 6 sophomores and 5 eighth graders. Having competed in 2 of our 10 contests, we are looking forward to honing our pom and jazz routines in the coming weeks. Our home invite is Saturday, September 18 at 11:00am at the Swiftel Center and following it we have 6 invitationals, with our ESD competition in Watertown and our state meet at Brandon Valley



Tennis –We have a young roster with 1 senior, 6 juniors, 2 sophomores and 17 freshmen-8th-7th graders. This week we defeated Sioux Falls Washington, which brings us to the halfway point of our season. Home events remaining at the Hillcrest Courts are on September 10, 14 and 21. The ESD meet is at Huron, and Sioux Falls hosts state.

Cross Country – Our overall numbers continue to grow, and this season we have 75 sixth through twelfth grade athletes. Our season is in its infancy having run in Madison August 27 and at the Augie Twilight on September 3. In Madison, our teams won 5 of 6 divisions with individual titles going to three of our runners. At the large Augie Twilight meet, our teams ran well, with Bobcats finishing as high as 4th in a division (out of 400+). We have 3 road invitationals before hosting the Russ Strande Invite at Edgebrook Golf Course during Homecoming Week on September 23 at 4:00pm. We'd love to see everyone at our home invite!





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Football – We have a total of 73 student-athletes in grades 9-12 out for football this year. Eighteen of them are seniors. We defeated Douglas 42-0 this past Friday and will travel to Watertown this week before back-to-back home games September 17 & 24. Following our homecoming game September 24, we finish the season with 3 out of 4 road games. Playoffs begin October 28. Be sure to get out and watch this Bobcat squad.



Boys Golf – Despite being in a drought all summer, the recent rains have impacted our golf season canceling and postponing multiple events. Our 24 golfers have spent time working on their game and look forward to competing at home on September 9 in a dual with Sioux Falls Lincoln and September 13 in our Brookings Invite. Our ESD championship is in Watertown September 25; the state tournament is in Huron October 4-5.





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Volleyball – During the first two weeks of our season, we have played two ESD matches and a 4-match tournament in Huron. This coming weekend we travel to Rapid City and compete against both Central and Stevens. Following six single matches, we host the East-West Invitational October 8-9. Each year AA west/east river schools travel across the state to compete against one another. This year west travels east, and we are fortunate to host. Our season concludes in early November with the SoDak 16 and state tournament – which this year is in Rapid City.



Choir – There are 225 students in the 5 choir classes at BHS this year, and they are working toward the Fall Choir Concert on Monday, Oct. 18th. The 5 choirs held elections and selected 30 students to serve on the Bobcat Choir Council which meets once a month and organizes several events throughout the year. This summer 5 singers participated in the Summer Sr. Honor Choir in July. Due to COVID restrictions, the honor choir was only half as big as usual, so we were pleased that 5 students were selected. There would have been 2 more, but those students opted to participate in the Brookings Community Theater summer musical. Auditions for the SD All-State Chorus are Friday, September 10th. We will select 20 members + 4 alternates. This year's All-State is scheduled to take place in Rapid City on Oct. 29 & 30. Mrs. Winghart will work with students throughout September to record auditions for SD Jr. Honor Choir and the Regional ACDA Honor Choir. Those results will be out in November.

High School Football Field: The drainage, irrigation and new sod project at the high school football field is nearly completed. The sod was installed in late July, and with assistance from Brookings Municipal Utilities and some timely rain, the field is ready to be used! Once new goal posts are installed this fall and irrigation lines are trenched around the perimeter of the track, the updates are complete.



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Homecoming Parade: Bobcats Homecoming Week is September 20-24, and the theme is It's Harvest Time. Many of the annual activities, such as coronation and burning of the B, will take place again this year, but new to the activities is a downtown Bobcats Homecoming Parade. The parade will take place on Friday, September 24 at 3:00 PM, and the route runs south on 5th Ave, west on Front St, and north on Main Ave. To enter the parade please go to <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScZM5OFjgikiT8CX47ewyUYg06W5Nsesz1IfORwjCSF5-Htng/viewform>

2021 Brookings Athletic Hall of Fame: Due to COVID 19, Brookings High School inducted 10 members into its Athletics Hall of Fame during half time of the football home opener on Friday, August 27. The inductees were selected because they demonstrated exemplary accomplishments in educational sports as student-athletes or members of the athletics department staff at Brookings High School.

The Class of 2020 includes:

Richard "Dick" Smith (1949) Dick Smith excelled in three sports at BHS. He was a two-year starter at half back for the Bobcats, leading them to an 11-3 record. Smith scored 10 touchdowns as a senior, and the "Cats" had a 5-1 record when the final three games were cancelled due to the polio epidemic. Dick was a two-year starter at guard as well as senior captain when the Bobcats qualified for the state tournament in 1948 and lost the 1949 State "A" Basketball Championship game by a single point. Smith was also an outstanding distance runner; leading the tracksters to two Region Track & Field titles. He ran 880 yards in 2:02 at the ESD Meet (that converts at 800 meters to 2:01.29 which is still #9 at BHS). Dick was a home room officer and active in the Monogram Club. Smith had a long career as a medical doctor.

Tony Beste (1999) Tony Beste earned three letters as a running back and linebacker for the Cats, and received All ESD, Argus Leader and All State honors. As a senior, his running powered the team to a 12-1 record and ESD title with the only loss in overtime in the State Championship game. During his football career, Tony rushed for 1909 yards and 27 touchdowns. Beste was an all-around basketball player; earning three letters including the Bobcat squad that won the consolation bracket at the 1999 State Tournament. Beste was a member of the 4x100 m relay team that set a BHS record (44.9 seconds).

Tasha Kryger (1985) Tasha Kryger earned three basketball letters, and was leading scorer for the 1982 State Consolation Champions as well as a key member of both the 1983 State Consolation Champions and the 1984 ESD and State "A" Girls Basketball Champions. Kryger was also the



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setter for BHS volleyball. The Bobcats won the 1985 State Volleyball Tournament and she was selected as State Tournament Most Valuable Player. Kryger was head volleyball coach at BHS from 1993-2000 (105-93 record) with four state tournaments appearances and the 2000 ESD Championship.

Amy Hatch (1993) Amy Hatch ranks among the best girls tennis players in South Dakota history. Hatch played #1 singles throughout her career. She won six ESD singles championships, and played on doubles teams that won five ESD titles. Amy's record in ESD Conference singles competition was 49 wins and 0 losses. Her career records were 113-16 in singles play and 112-7 in doubles. Hatch won eight SDHSAA State Tennis Championships; three #1 singles and five #1 doubles, and led the Bobcats to three Team Titles. Amy was the 1993 Argus Leader Female Athlete of the Year.

Sherwood Hatch (1978-2010) Sherwood Hatch was defensive coordinator for BHS football teams from 1978-1992. The Bobcats won the 1982 ESD Football title as well as the 1983 SDHSAA 11-AAA Football Championship. Hatch also directed the Out-of-Season Conditioning Program for Bobcat athletes. Hatch coached girls tennis for 10 years and boy tennis for his entire 32-year career at BHS (390-250 record). His boy's teams won eight ESD Conference titles and SDHSAA State Boys Tennis Championships in 1986 and 1987. Hatch was 1985 Tennis Coach of the Year and a member of the South Dakota Tennis Hall of Fame.

The Class of 2021 includes:

Mel Henrichsen (1959) Mel Henrichsen earned three football letters at Brookings High School; and was named to the All State Football Team and Honorable Mention All-America. Henrichsen also played on the Bobcat team that qualified for the 1958 State "A" Basketball Tournament. Mel excelled in track & field. He was shot put champion at the Howard Wood and ESD Meets; and finished second at the State Track & Field Meet. He also won Howard Wood and ESD discus titles; finishing third at State. Henrichsen set BHS records in both throws – putting the shot 52' 1 ½", and throwing the discus 147' 8 ½".

Billy McMacken (1986) Billy McMacken won three varsity letters and played on the 1983 BHS team that won the State "AA" Football Championship. As a senior, Billy made 27 receptions and scored four touchdowns; earning All ESD, All State and Argus Leader Elite 45 honors. He was a two-year starter and captain on the "Bobcat" team that finished second at the 1986 State Basketball Tournament. McMacken's honors included All ESD, All State and Mr. Basketball Finalist; and he totaled 709 points and 401 rebounds in two seasons. Billy also supported the Bobcats as a sports reporter and editor of the Brookings Register.



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Terri Holwerda (1978) Terri Holwerda was the first three-sport female athlete at BHS. She earned four tennis letters – playing first flight – and won the 1974 ESD Championship. Terri was MVP and a five-time letter winner on gymnastics squads that won the 1975 and 1976 ESD Titles. She won ESD individual competitions in both the Bars and Beam, and qualified for the State Meet as an “All Around” competitor. Holwerda won four track & field letters; winning an ESD High Jump Championship and holding the BHS record at 5’3”. Terri was selected Most Valuable Female Athlete at BHS.

Marci Dawson (1990) Marci Dawson was an outstanding distance runner; finishing second at the 1988 State “AA” Cross Country Meet. As a senior, Marci won both the ESD and State Cross Country Meets (14:29 PR). Marci was also on the Bobcat squad that won the 1989 State “AA” Girls Track & Field Championship; where she was a member of the winning 3200 m Relay Team; and finished second in both the 1600m and 3200m runs. At the 1990 Howard Wood Relays and State Meet, she won both the 1600m and 3200m runs and was honored as “AA” Outstanding Female Athlete.

Pam Weiland (1979-2000) Pam Weiland was on the Bobcat volleyball staff for 23 years. Pam was instrumental in the establishment of the volleyball program, and was the head coach for all levels during the growth and development years. Her career varsity record was 120-55. When the SDHSAA adopted volleyball as a sport in 1982, BHS hosted its first state tournament, and qualified for each state tournament in her final six years as coach. The “Bobcats” were Consolation Champs at the 1984 Tournament; and posted a 30-2 record enroute to winning the 1985 SDHSAA State “A” Volleyball Championship.

The 2020 BHS Team of Honor is the **1987 Boys Tennis Team** that compiled a 10 win and 1 loss season and won both the ESD and State Tournaments for Coach Sherwood Hatch. Team members were Ripper Hatch, Jimmy Kayongo, Nate Thompson, Brian Dobbs, Kevin Dobbs, Scott Simpson and Todd Ritter.

The 2021 Team of Honor is the **1985 Volleyball Squad** that compiled a 30 win and 2 loss season and won both the ESD and State Tournaments under the direction of Coach Pam Weiland. Team members were Tasha Kryger, Renae Sallquist, Lisa Kurtenbach, Bridget Larson, Lisa Rollag, Amy Mickelson, Sherry Minor, Beth Lindgren, Shelly Brug, Jennifer Gee and Vicki Costar.