



Brookings School District

Empowering all learners to embrace and be inspired to realize their potential

BROOKINGS HIGH SCHOOL

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Brookings High School Administrative Report - October 2024

A Great Place to Learn

Homecoming Week: September 30th - October 4th

Homecoming week at Brookings High School was a tremendous success, filled with excitement and spirit from start to finish. Students across all four grade levels, as well as learners from throughout the district, participated in a series of memorable events that truly brought our community together.

Throughout the week, students embraced the themed dress-up days, displayed their school pride during pep rallies, and engaged in various extracurricular activities that highlighted their talents. The festivities culminated in our annual Homecoming Parade, a beloved tradition that brought together students, staff, families, and community members for a celebration of Bobcat P.R.I.D.E.

On the evening of Monday, October 1st, we held our Homecoming Coronation ceremony, where we honored the tradition of crowning our Homecoming Lord and Lady. Due to a Brookings County “Red Flag” warning, we had to adjust our usual “Burning of the B” ceremony. However, with creativity, we transformed the event into a “Lighting of the B,” preserving the tradition in a safe and meaningful way.

Homecoming week was a fantastic reminder what makes Brookings High School such a special place. We look forward to continuing these traditions and building even more memories in the years to come.



A Great Place to Work

Introducing the Brookings High School Newsletter

As we started another exciting school year, I am thrilled to introduce the very first edition of the Brookings High School Newsletter, “The Bobcat.” This newsletter will serve as a

monthly communication hub, providing students, parents, and staff with important information happening within our school community.

We'll also use this platform to spotlight student successes, highlight our dedicated staff, and share information about initiatives that contribute to the growth and well-being of our school.

The newsletter will also reflect our commitment to the Bobcat P.R.I.D.E. values of Participation, Respect, Integrity, Determination, and Excellence, which continue to guide everything we do at Brookings High School.

Please see the monthly newsletter on our website, or with this link [The Bobcat Sept. 2024](#)

A Great Place to Collaborate

Principal's Student Advisory Committee

Brookings High School Administration has started a Principal's Student Advisory Committee. This is a group of 14 learners (grades 9-12 represented) that will meet monthly, and work directly with the Brookings High School Administrative team. The students will be the link between administration and the student body. Members of this committee will earn unique leadership experience and develop a connection with the BHS administrators.

Some of the initial ideas that the students brought up at the first meeting were ranging from building relationships, mental health, learning about leadership and educational opportunities at BHS. We plan to work with the students to create actionable items and goals that are “student friendly” and attainable.

A Responsible District



As we stated previously, Brookings High School was awarded a grant to implement the program SDJAG, Jobs for America's Graduates, that will take place from 2024 – June 30, 2028. We are excited to announce that we hired an individual to take over these duties at Brookings High School, which is former Bobcat graduate Brooke Meendering (Pearson)

As a reminder, JAG is a state-based nonprofit that serves youth who face significant challenges. The program helps these students to graduate high school and meaningfully enter postsecondary and the workforce. JAG is a program supervised by the South Dakota Department of Education and is proven to help students persist through graduation.

We are excited to partner with JAG and all the offerings it will offer our students.