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BROOKINGS ACTIVITIES DEPT

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ACTIVITY UPDATES

BOYS & GIRLS SOCCER...have wrapped up our seasons as of Tuesday as the boys dropped a close fought, overtime match with RC Stevens and the girls also lost to RC Stevens, both in the first round of playoffs. The boys ended the season with a 5-8-2 record while the girls started slow but finished the year with a stretch of 3 wins in a row and final record of 4-10-1. The girls only had one senior and showed solid improvement throughout the year, so the future looks good for them. The boys had a strong core of 7 seniors and definitely competed against just about every opponent with 12 matches coming down to 2 or fewer goals.

COMP CHEER & DANCE...continues to compete leading up to the state contest in Rapid toward the end of October. Our Dance squad continues to work on confidence and gaining experience as the young team shows signs of improvement each meet. The Cheer team has been impressive at nearly every event. Consistently, we have placed in the top 5 with field being large and very strong. I believe we have a good chance of placing at state if things continues as they have.

CROSS COUNTRY...did us proud a few weeks back at our home Russ Strande Invite with 2 of our girls finishing in the top 10 and our boys team won the title with 4 boys finishing in the top 10. The second weekend in October will be huge as the boys head to Huron to defend our ESD title from a year ago. The participation number are strong with around 35 girls and over 50 boys taking part. The season for our runners will end the last Saturday in October when we run at Hart Ranch in Rapid City.

FOOTBALL...has had as big of a turn-around from a year ago as I've seen in a program. I know that we have several weeks to go, but to this point, they have been outstanding. Not only do we currently have a record of 4-1 and hold one of the top seeding spots in Class 11AA, but also, and more importantly, the boys look to be having fun and playing really good team football. We finish the year against Yankton, then Douglas and finally Huron. With a few more wins we certainly look to host at least one playoff game.

GIRLS TENNIS...heads to Rapid City the first week of October to the State Tournament. Most of our 6 varsity players find themselves seeded lower for the state tournament and will have some tough matches in order to get to the placing rounds. I would like to see us find a way to increase the energy and participation in our tennis program as 12 of our 24 players are freshmen or younger. That is exciting for our future but having that senior and junior leadership is a key.

SIDELINE CHEER...has done a very good job of leading our crowd at FB games and bringing extra excitement to the stadium. We currently cheer with 9 girls at home games and will take our enthusiasm on the road should we need to travel for playoffs. I am also excited to watch our Little Bobcat Night vs Yankton when our young cheerleaders perform a routine taught by the older cheer girls.

VOLLEYBALL...is fun to watch. We aren't graced with the tallest players, but they work their tails off. We currently sit at 10-9 and are seeded in the middle of a tight field of AA volleyball teams. Of late, we have dropped a few matches, but we are winning sets and playing against teams that are top 3 or 4 in the state, so we are undoubtedly right there.

BOYS GOLF...wrapped up our season on Oct 8 by competing at State Golf in Watertown. Our linksters finished in the 14th spot as a team. After day one, when we golfed very well, we were sitting in the top 10, but we struggled a bit on day two to drop down. We have 4 or 5 guys that consistently shoot at or below 80 but in this Class, the medal winners are all at 75 or below, so it is a tough group to break into. As I said last month, our participation numbers are high, we now just need to work in the off-season to get our boys to that next level.

MARCHING BAND...heads to Minneapolis the second weekend of October to attend the Youth in Music Festival where we will end our competition season. Then on October 25 we will perform for the final time at our home Indoor Show. Once again, the band is having an outstanding season. We consistently finish in the top 3 in our class and have won the Sweepstakes prize at the Brandon Festival earlier this year. Outside of competitions, we are so fortunate to have these outstanding performers that showcase our talents at our home football games.

MUSICAL...rehearsals have begun and we are well on our way to *Hello Dolly*. On November 21-23 we will present our musical at Bell Auditorium. Director Mette has in excess of 50 members in her cast and crew, and Director Winghart's pit orchestra has also begun to prep the musical score. We are looking forward to another outstanding performance.

FCCLA...has begun its leadership work as we recently attended the Fall Leadership Conference in Huron. Of note, Advisor Abby Page has taken maternity leave, but long-time advisor Joline Dunbar has agreed to step in and lead our FCCLA'ers in her absence.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS...is looking to grow our program. According to Coach Klosterman we have several hundred learners in our special education program and only about dozen involved in our Special Olympics. So, through meetings, flyers, etc we are trying to get word out and see if we can get more youngsters involved.

STUDENT COUNCIL...was an integral part of Homecoming Week, which included the parade. Whether it was prepping for Coronation, or overseeing the dress up days, or helping set up and clean up the parade, they were rock stars...as were Alyssa Laufman and Kim McCullough their advisors.

OTHER UPDATES/INFO/ISSUES

CLUB SPORTS

We are in a bit of a pause to acquire the signed MOU's for our five club sports as we are waiting until the board policy for District Recognition of Non-School Sports has gone through it's full process and been approved. Once that has happened, I will reach out to the contact of each club and have updated MOU's signed.

NON-ATHLETIC CLUBS

I am in the process of gathering information (contacts, meeting time & place, club function, etc.) for our Non-Athletic or Academic Clubs. We have several clubs that have existed for many years, and I am reaching out to them to update info. Currently, we have right around 10 of these clubs - Math, Chess, Hope Squad, Art, Choir Council, Quiz Bowl, FCA, Creative Writing and Spanish Club, with a few more who have requested "club" status.

HOMECOMING PARADE

As I mentioned above, the Homecoming Parade was a huge success in great part to the many people who pitched in...student council, Kerry Brown, Justin Stanley, Zach Thomas, just to name a few. We ended up having just under 60 entries, with about half of those coming from local businesses and groups and the others from District entries. I wish there was a way to count our attendance, but from walking the route I have no doubt that we were "full"...it was a great day for the Bobcats.

EXTRA DUTY ADDITIONS

As per appendix K of our Master Agreement, requests for updates to our Extra Duty positions was due on October 1. At that time I received three requests: 1) add a paid Assistant Drama position for the HS in the fall and in the spring 2) add a paid position at the MS and one at the HS for Educators Rising and 3) add a paid position for Art Club. We met as a committee (as outlined in appendix K) to discuss these requests and now are in the process of gathering more information before we pass these requests in to the next step.

ESPORTS

Last year with budget cuts did not seem like the appropriate time to consider adding a new program (Esports). We, currently have a staff member (Brad Nupen) who is interested in pursuing this as a club program at the HS. He plans to attend a conference in the next month or so to gather information on what the requirements might be. I have attended such informational meeting myself, so when he returns, we will further discuss the viability of this since we agree that there would be interest in our District.