

SABETHA HIGH SCHOOL



December 9, 2024 BOE Report



End of Semester Preparations

We are very near the end of the first semester, which is a time when staff and students alike are scrambling to get things finished up before the break. At the high school level, we transcript grades only at semester breaks (not quarter breaks), so it is an important time for our students to finish strong. In addition to wrapping up projects, units, and grades in individual classrooms, we are also working to complete winter screening in Reading and Math and get course schedules set for semester 2.

Our winter activities begin their contests this week with home basketball and wrestling on the road and a winter pep rally to remind students (and the community alike) of our expectations for positive behavior as we cheer our teams on! Our music department is completing preparations for their winter concert in a couple of weeks and our scholars' bowl team continues to compete well! Lots of great opportunities abound!

Bluejay Celebrations!!

Lots of great things happening at SHS this past month! Below are just a few:

- The annual USD 113 Career Symposium was a success thanks to the work of our staff and many community members!
- Over 50 SHS juniors attended the Career Fair in Centralia.
- Our varsity Scholars' Bowl team placed 2nd at their home meet on November 19th.
- We are happy to have 116 students participating in winter sports!! (43 in Boys Basketball, 27 in Girls Basketball and Girls Wrestling, and 19 in Boys Wrestling)
- The cast & crew of the SHS production of "Mary Poppins", under the direction of Elysia McGill and Adam Aadalen, put on three fantastic performances!
- FFA hosted the district dairy cattle contest and placed 3rd. The senior team also placed 3rd at the NE district leadership conference!
- SHS Government students discussed volunteerism and civic responsibilities culminating with the opportunity to attend Give to Grow Day. A generous donation allowed our students to donate \$50 each to the fund of their choice.
- Mr. Bruggeman and Mr. Hamilton helped to ensure our 18 year old seniors were registered to vote and even transported local students to their polling place on November 5th.
- Our National Honor Society, under the tutelage of Jacque Stallbaumer, hosted a blood drive at SHS that saw 30+ life-saving donations!
- Our cheer squad competed at KSHSAA Gameday and performed well placing 13th in class 3A!
- Erin Boltz was named 1st Team All-Big East League in volleyball!
- Holden Edelman, Brody Deters, and Jayton Meyer were all named 1st Team All-Big East League in football with Landon Meyer, Luke Renyer, Derek Wahwasuck named 2nd Team and Micah Lang, Khye Menold, Kyler Wenger, and Cole Menold named Honorable Mention. The Bluejays finished the season with a 6-4 record. Congrats to the team and coaches!

SHS Classroom updates

I asked some of our teachers to provide brief updates on the happenings in their classrooms. Lots of great things are going on!

Mr. Moeller (Anatomy & Physiology):

- In Anatomy & Physiology, we have completed our unit over the skeletal system. Students had a great time learning about all the bones in the body and tested very well over them all! We will now be taking a deep dive into the 5 senses of the body with student projects.



Mrs. Manche (Physical Education/Health):

- Freshman Phys Ed and Health has new requirements for health this year and I feel like it is going really well. I chose to do health every other day, so in a 10 day period they should get a 50/50 health to PE ratio. I have really enjoyed being in the classroom and trying new projects and activities! In Health, we are on our Drug and Alcohol section of the textbook and have some projects coming up that go along with this. We will create our own Tobacco Supervillan, we will research Celebrity Drug Deaths, and talk about hazing on college campuses by learning about Tim Piazza and how he died from a hazing incident. This unit will continue into the new year.

• In PE, they are doing their final project which is creating their own games in small groups. We will start presenting them this month and then play the games that each group creates. I am really excited to see some of the games this year, we have some really creative ones from what I have seen so far! We will do that for the rest of the PE days we have left!

Mrs. Smith (Art):

A lot is going on in the art room! It has been very busy, to say the least! Kids are experimenting and trying new things, I have been very impressed with their curiosity and courage this year!

- First, the iPad Pro is an absolute hit with the students! Several students are creating their final projects on the iPad and we use it all the time as a resource in their fine art. The art department also purchased some wood-burning tools that are being used in one of my student's final figure projects and the shop boys come over often as well. A wide variety of media is being explored and used throughout all of my classes. We have been using raw alpaca fiber to hand card and needle felt, a student has been perfecting their airbrushing techniques, quilting, 3D printing, metal sculptures, embroidery origami, and hand-building clay.
- Art 1 students are finishing up their Oodles of Doodles final and loved learning how to use alcohol markers and Art 2 is working on their final human figure projects using acrylic paints, wood burning, printmaking, colored pencils, and pencil. Art 3 students have been experimenting with acrylic paint using baking soda and plaster to create a wide variety of textures and are now moving on to oil painting. Art 4 students are working on independent projects, one with oil-based clay to potentially create a plaster mold and the other hand-building with clay.

Mrs. Edelman (Spanish):

- Spanish 1 - Recently learned School Materials (Los Materiales de la escuela) and Classroom Items (Las Cosas en la clase) in Spanish. They will begin a Classroom Redesign Project (El Rediseño de una clase) soon to practice their new Spanish vocabulary items.
- Spanish 2 - Learning and practicing Clothing (La Ropa) and larger Numbers 100 - 1,000,000 (Numeros 100 - 1.000.000) in Spanish. They will soon be practicing these with a clothing race game and acting out a scenario in a clothing store (La Tienda de Ropa).

Mrs. Wikle (Special Education):

- While we dedicate a portion of each class to working on IEP goals, one of my combined English classes recently completed a book study on *The Hunger Games*, exploring themes of survival, courage, and societal structures.

This class is now transitioning to short story studies, focusing on *The Gift of the Magi* and *The Little Match Girl* to examine themes of sacrifice, generosity, and compassion as the semester concludes. Meanwhile, English 4 has been concentrating on building self-advocacy skills, equipping students with tools to effectively express their needs and goals. They will also compose, address, and mail Christmas card greetings, integrating practical communication skills with seasonal creativity.

Mr. Aadalen (Vocal Music)

- Odyssey and Infinity rang in the holiday season by singing carols at Window Opening on 11/29. Now they are ready for their National Anthem singing season, starting 12/6 at the home basketball game. Finally, they, and Concert Choir, are continuing their work preparing for the Winter Concert on 12/16 as well as other caroling events around town - lots of Christmas and holiday music!

Mr. Rieschick (Physics & Chemistry)

- In chemistry we are studying how different chemicals interact with each. We will be looking at why some elements are more reactive than others and what factors affect the rate of reaction. In Physics we have started the unit on Projectile Motion. We are starting the unit by looking at how we shoot free throws and will advance to analyzing how initial velocity, the acceleration of gravity, and launch angle affect the flight path of the projectile.

Upcoming SHS events:

- December 9-12 - 2nd Semester Class Change Period
- December 10 - 4:30 BB @ ACCHS
- December 12 - Semester 2 HCC Enrollment Due
- December 12 - 5:30 Boys & Girls WR @ Auburn
- December 13 - 1:45 Early Release
- December 13 - 4:30 BB vs. Rock Creek
- December 14 - ACT @ SHS
- December 14 - 9:00 JV SB @ Hiawatha
- December 14 - 9:00 Boys & Girls WR @ SHS Dual Tourney
- December 16 - 7:00 Winter Band & Vocal Concert
- December 17 - 1:00 Boys & Girls WR @ Republic County
- December 17 - 4:30 BB @ Hiawatha
- December 20 - 4:30 BB vs. Royal Valley
- December 21 - 9:00 Girls WR @ Atchison County
- December 21 - January 5 - CHRISTMAS BREAK

Respectfully,
Nathan Bauman
Sabetha High School Principal



It's a GREAT day to be a BLUEJAY!!