



## PRINCIPAL REPORT

2021-22

*Mrs. Tracie Christensen*

**TO: Emmetsburg School Board**

**FROM: Tracie Christensen, Secondary Principal**

**RE: May 2022 School Board Report**

**Rotary Senior Awards:** Senior awards night was Wednesday, May 11, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. This event was open to the public. We had 31 Seniors receive a scholarship with 179 Awards and Scholarships handed out to our students. Scholarships given, that we could account for, totalled \$155,199.00. These will assist our Seniors in helping with their post secondary education. There were several scholarships given that the school was not given the amount so they were not figured into this total.

**Graduation:**

- Ms. Schutjer has organized with Senior parents a breakfast for our Seniors on Wednesday, May 18th starting at 8:15 with graduation practice to follow.
- Our Seniors will do a Graduation Walk through West Elementary, the Catholic School and the Middle School on Wednesday, May 18th, starting at 10:15 at West Elementary. This is a great opportunity for our students to celebrate the Seniors and for the Seniors to walk through the halls where their education began!
- Graduation is Sunday, May 22, 2022, at 2:00 p.m. I need a board member or two to help with handing out diplomas.

**May Term:** High School staff is excited to offer our students an opportunity to participate in May Term. Staff has worked to create various activities on Monday, May 23rd and Tuesday, May 24th to allow our students to enjoy throughout the day. They have chosen from the following: Unsolved Crimes & Mysteries, Video Editing, Community Service, STEM Olympics, Bicycle Orienteering, Lead, Follow or Get Out of the Way, Construction, Card Games and Disney Movies, Spanish Games and Movies, Strategy Tabletop & RPG Games, Planters/hanging baskets and garden stepping stones & Bowling, The Great Outdoors, Ceiling Tile Painting, Indoor 3-D Archery, Instrument Repair and Maintenance, Cribbage, Army, t-shirt quilts, and Pioneer Theater.. Here are the [course descriptions](#) if you would like to learn more.

**Secondary Student Handbook:** Mrs. Christensen will provide hard copies of the Board to review before further review at the June meeting. Some changes noted:

- Removal of a sentence under School Hours as the MS cannot be completely locked down. We still encourage parents to pick-up students outside Doors 6 & 8 after practices.
- Removal of letter “H” under Conduct and Classroom Behaviors. Depending on the severity of the issue, these meetings and plans may happen sooner than 3 referrals and, in some cases, later.
- Under Tardy add a sentence. The staff worked on tardies this school year and came to consensus that tardy means “Students must be in the room, in the seat, ready to or will be counted tardy.” This made the expectation consistent across secondary.
- Under Field Trips add a statement about detentions must be served before being allowed to attend a field trip.
- We had a Plagiarism committee that worked to put together a more detailed policy as we have seen an influx of this since hybrid learning. This puts responsibilities on the teachers to teach these concepts and how to avoid them and on the students to understand what plagiarism is and ensure they are submitting original work. There are three degrees of plagiarism outlined with various consequences.
- With increased technology violations and issues these devices bring to the building, we have updated our policy to separate out cell phone violations and computer/technology misuse with appropriate consequences for both.
- Clarification on water bottles and beverages/food items in the building to ensure consistency across all classrooms.
- Clean up Lunch Period by taking out reference to open campus.
- Asking visitors to all enter Door 1 or 18 to check into an office before walking through the building.
- Mr. Rodemeyer is investigating the possibility of allowing our 7th & 8th graders to have athletic practices on Wednesdays.

**Boy Scout Project:** Robert Friederick would like to do an Eagle Scout Project at the school. He will be here to present his ideas.