



**PRINCIPAL REPORT**  
**2023-24**

*Mrs. Tracie Christensen*

**TO: Emmetsburg School Board**

**FROM: Tracie Christensen, Secondary Principal**

**RE: November School Board Report**

**Parent-Teacher Conferences:** We saw a few parents at the High School for parent teacher conferences with the following percentage of parents attending at each grade level. We wanted to share the number of invitations our teachers sent out to parents and the amount of students invited, along with the number of actual conferences held.

- 9th Grade:
  - Teachers sent 34 invites for 20 students (8 students with D/F/Is).
  - We had 8 conferences scheduled and held for 5 Freshmen.
  - 32% personally invited, 8% attended.
- 10th Grade:
  - Teachers sent 50 invites for 38 students (7 students with D/F/Is).
  - We had 28 conferences scheduled and held for 21 Sophomores.
  - 72% personally invited, 40% attended.
- 11th Grade:
  - Teachers sent 42 invites for 23 students (17 students with D/F/Is).
  - We had 11 conferences scheduled and held for 10 Juniors.
  - 38% personally invited, 17% attended.
- 12th Grade:
  - Teachers sent 23 invites for 15 students (13 students with D/F/Is).
  - We had 6 conferences scheduled and held for 3 Seniors.
  - 24% personally invited, 5% attended.

As part of parent-teacher conferences, we invited all 60 seniors and families to a meeting at the school to share information on financial aid, how it works, the changes coming to the application in December and also shared scholarship information and how to apply for college. We had 10 families attend this event which was led by Ms. Schutjer, Autumn Larsen and Steve Pelzer.

**1st Quarter Academic Review** - I wanted to share an update on the number of failing classes at the high school. A reminder that we had this policy change: “Mid-Quarter and End of a Quarter: A student not passing all courses shall become ineligible. A student will remain ineligible until they demonstrate that their cumulative grade is now passing.” We continue to monitor student progress and work to catch

students at quarter, have conversations, offer assistance needed to get students to a passing grade at semester.

End of First Quarter 2022-23	End of First Quarter 2023-24
18 students failing one or more classes	18 students failing one or more classes
25 failed classes	22 failed classes (9 were college classes)

**Speaker:** After receiving a call from a community member and the proud grandfather of one of the presenters, Mrs. Christensen arranged to have Wystan Duhn and Samantha Ripley speak to our students about their non-traditional careers. Wystan spoke about his career working with sled dogs, winter survival skills and, in the summer, on a charter fishing boat in Alaska. Sam talked to students about her path to obtain her various pilots licenses and jobs she has held. They encouraged students to think outside the box and find a career that doesn't seem like a job, but something they really enjoy. It was a great opportunity for students to hear about career paths that definitely were not traditional and about careers that we don't hear much about.

**Career & Technology Education RPP/Perkins Grants:** The District is part of a Consortium and receives funding from both RPP (\$9,943.19) and Perkins (\$6,869.31). These funds must be spent in our various CTE areas and we typically rotate each year which department gets this funding. This year, the business department is using these funds to update their computers for video class, paying for FFA dues and we used funds to refurbish the laser for the engraver in Industrial Technology. The funds can be used for professional development, supplies, career development and equipment. These requests must be approved by Iowa Lakes who administers these funds for the consortium. This is a great way for our District to update needs in these areas.

**Iowa Report Card for Middle School and High School:** Mrs. Christensen will review this slideshow with you. These results help us determine professional development needs.