



## PRINCIPAL REPORT 2024-25

*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:
  - We had 33 conferences scheduled and held for 22 Freshmen.
  - 49% attendance for this class.
- 10th Grade:
  - We had 20 conferences scheduled and held for 13 Sophomores.
  - 22% attendance for this class.
- 11th Grade:
  - We had 23 conferences scheduled and held for 14 Juniors.
  - 28% attendance for this class.
- 12th Grade:
  - We had 10 conferences scheduled and held for 8 Seniors.
  - 15% attendance for this class.

As part of parent-teacher conferences, we invited all Juniors and Seniors and families to a meeting at the school to share information on financial aid, college classes and also shared VU Scholarship information. We invited families for 99 students to attend this event which was led by Mrs. Bonner and had approximately 70 students/families attend.

**Career & Technology Education RPP/Perkins Grants:** The District is part of a Consortium and receives funding from both RPP (\$9,634.40) and Perkins (\$6,264). These funds must be spent in our various CTE areas and we typically rotate each year which department gets this funding. This year, the majority of the funds went to add five (5) new CAD computers to the mobile lab in Mr. Holt's room. The remaining funds can be used for professional development, supplies, and career development. 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.

**1st Quarter Academic Review** - I wanted to share an update on the number of failing classes at the high school. We continue to monitor student progress and work to catch students at quarter, have conversations, and offer assistance needed to get students to a passing grade at semester.

| End of First Quarter 2023-24               | End of First Quarter 2024-25               |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| 18 students failing one or more classes    | 5 students failing one or more classes     |
| 22 failed classes (9 were college classes) | 5 failed classes (1 was a college classes) |

Additional 1st Quarter Data:

- 94% of High School Students had 90% or better attendance
- 89% of High School Students with C or above in all classes
- 97% of students with 0-2 office referrals

**Speaker:** For Red Ribbon Week (October 29th), our Counselors worked with a speaker, Shannon Booth, to present The Power of You(th) to our students in grades 9-12. Shannon is a representative from Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD). This program helps youth explore the impacts of underage drinking and other substance use, and offers tools to encourage youth to use the power they have to keep themselves and their friends safe. The presentation taught the students the following:

- How the minimum 21 aged drinking law protects youth and saves lives.
- Impairment begins when ANY amount of mind-altering substance is consumed.
- The dangers and consequences of underaged drinking and other drug use.
- Never drive impaired and never ride with an impaired driver.