

BOE Report - January 14, 2021

There was only a short month between my last BOE report and now, but nonetheless we've been able to enjoy some great activities and educational opportunities given our COVID guidelines.

We were able to hold a very successful induction ceremony for the BVCS Excelsior Chapter of the National Honor Society on November 18th.

We were fortunate to have our band members add to the ceremony held in the gymnasium following all of our safety guidelines and protocols. It was a beautiful ceremony that was very refreshing to be able to experience during these difficult times.

The NHS went to work immediately gaining service credits throughout the holidays by collecting food for our local food shelf and ringing the Salvation Army Bell outside of Topps and collecting over double what their efforts had been in prior years. In addition, they were helpful in organizing Project Wee care during the holidays.

We successfully turned our Griffin into a Turkey. Students were awarded so many Essential Skills feathers that our Turkey Griffin's Tassel (feathers) were abundant with several layers. Those characteristics, again are: (teamwork, leadership, agility, networking, perseverance, and goal setting) Students also won lots of Griffin Gear in our Turkey Hunt.

On December 15, our faculty enjoyed the Professional Development Program, **Sweethearts and Heroes**. **Sweethearts & Heroes** is a social-emotional learning partner, bringing the power of HOPE and ACTION to teachers and students. Their overall message was exceptionally meaningful and our faculty was very vocal about how much they enjoyed it. This series will continue throughout the year for our faculty. It comes at a good time considering the toll that COVID has taken on everyone's social-emotional well being.

We are fortunate that the impetus behind us having Sweethearts and Heroes come for our faculty is that Adirondack Chevrolet has funded it for our students and we want everyone to be on the same page. We will be introducing this to our students in March. We're very grateful to Adirondack Chevrolet for this opportunity.

Though NYSPHAA has cancelled many of our traditional winter athletic opportunities for students, we have several dedicated staff members working hard to offer physical activities allowable in this environment, including Archery and Weightlifting.

Our winter solstice week was filled with exciting themes and activities, including sledding, Kahoots and a badminton tournament. While the faculty may have the upper hand when it comes to volleyball, we do not when it comes to badminton. The students are very clearly crushing the badminton scene at Boquet Valley.

We feel fortunate to have had so many In-person learning weeks, prior to this week, without incident. Everyone was prepared to go remote so quickly and we're looking forward to January 25 to return to that in-person model.

We will offer PSAT's on January 26th to our Juniors and interested Sophomores and continue on with what we hope will be as normal a 3rd and 4th quarter as possible given the circumstances.

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