HIGH SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT (NOVEMBER 2026)

Student Voice & Engagement

I would like to thank Mr. Reed and Mrs. Owen for facilitating a second-round meeting with the students selected to participate in the high school student focus group. I appreciate their invitation to be involved in this next round of conversations and value the opportunity to hear directly from our students. It is our hope that these initial discussions will serve as the foundation for developing a more formal process or council dedicated to elevating student voice. Providing students with meaningful opportunities to share their perspectives, offer feedback, and contribute to conversations about their educational experience is an important step in strengthening our school community.

Fine Arts: Band and Choir

We would like to invite members of the Board of Education to attend our upcoming Fine Arts performances and support the hard work and talents of our Bridgman High School students.

- Holiday Sing-A-Bration Concert - December 3, 2026
- Winter Works Band Concert - December 7, 2026

These performances provide a wonderful opportunity to celebrate our students' musical talents and recognize the dedication of our band and choir members and directors. We hope you will be able to join us in supporting our students and enjoying these holiday performances!

Student Organizations and Clubs

- **National Honor Society (NHS)**
  National Honor Society continues to promote the pillars of scholarship, leadership, service, and character throughout the school community. Members have been actively involved in school and community service initiatives, including efforts to support local families through the Bridgman Pantry. Most recently, members demonstrated their appreciation for local veterans by creating and sending Veterans Day cards to all active members of our local American Legion.
- **Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD)**
  SADD continues to promote responsible decision-making and increase awareness of the dangers associated with substance use and other destructive behaviors. Through school-wide awareness campaigns and student-led

initiatives, members encourage their peers to make healthy, informed decisions and develop positive habits.

- **Interact Club**
  The Interact Club continues to provide students with meaningful opportunities to serve the local community through volunteerism and charitable initiatives. Members are currently coordinating a Toys for Tots drive, helping collect toys to support families and children in need during the holiday season.
- **Key Club**
  Key Club continues to emphasize community service, volunteerism, and making a positive difference in the lives of others. Members recently volunteered their time to assist with the annual Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast. The organization is also partnering with the Interact Club to support its Toys for Tots initiative, demonstrating the value of collaboration in serving our community.
- **DECA**
  Under the leadership of Mr. Buckenmeyer, Bridgman DECA continues to provide students with valuable opportunities to develop leadership, marketing, business, and professional skills. Members are preparing for upcoming competitive events through role-play practice, professional selling activities, and the development of written projects. In addition, DECA is currently conducting its annual Spirit Wear sale, providing another opportunity for students to apply their business and marketing skills in a real-world setting. Mr. Buckenmeyer will be taking thirty-four students to compete at districts on January 15.
- **Art Club**
  Bridgman High School's Art Club recently completed an impressive mural for the Baroda-Lake Township Police Department. This project provided students with an opportunity to showcase their artistic abilities while contributing something meaningful to a local community partner. Pictures of the completed mural are included below. The club's next project will involve painting holiday-themed window displays at Lake Street Eats and Lake Time Brewery in preparation for the community's Holiday Village celebration.



- **Beebotics Robotics Team**
  Bridgman's Beebotics Robotics Team has begun meeting regularly to prepare for the upcoming competition season, which officially kicks off with the annual FIRST Robotics season launch event in January. The team recently participated in an out-of-season competition, where their performance earned them a new 3D printer for the program. The club is also experiencing growth in student participation, increasing from last year's numbers to 12 students currently involved. This growth is exciting as the program continues to build student interest in robotics, engineering, problem-solving, and teamwork. We look forward to seeing what this year's team accomplishes as they prepare for another exciting season.
- **Drama Club**
  The Bridgman High School Drama Club is busy preparing for its annual Murder Mystery Dessert Theater. This year's production, *Murder Most Fowl*, will be performed in the Reed Middle School cafeteria rather than the high school media center. The change in venue is intentional, as the production is set in a high school cafeteria, making the RMS cafeteria a natural fit for the performance. We had originally hoped to use the high school cafeteria; however, a home basketball game scheduled for the same evening as one of the performances required us to find an alternate location.
  Looking ahead, Ms. Ammerman will hold auditions in December for this year's spring musical, *Annie*. We are excited to see our students showcase their talents both on stage and behind the scenes as they continue to build the performing arts program at Bridgman High School.

Thank You!!!

As we enter this season of gratitude and approach Thanksgiving, I want to take a moment to thank the Board of Education for your continued dedication, hard work, and support throughout the past year. Your commitment to our students, staff, and school community does not go unnoticed. I appreciate the time, thought, and energy you devote to making Bridgman Schools. I hope you and your families enjoy a wonderful Thanksgiving!