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Board Report

DC West High School

Jim Knott –High School Principal

February 12, 2024

February is usually right in the middle of hiring season for school administrators. As I mentioned in the January board report, in December we hired a Spanish teacher for next year along with a Strength Training PE Teacher who started on February 5th. With the recent announcement of the retirement of long-time counselor Ron Michael at the end of the year, we now have a High School Counseling position open for next year. We plan to interview for this position in late February or early March. I will give an update on that process in my March Board Report.

On February 28, DC West will host the annual College Fair in the High School Library. There will be seventeen colleges represented along with several branches of the armed forces and seven local businesses. Juniors and seniors will attend the fair for 30 minutes while freshmen and sophomores eat lunch and then will flip flop for the second 30-minute segment. Counselor Ron Michael stated, "The College Fair has grown into a great event over the years. It is another tremendous opportunity for our students to see what possibilities are out there for them after high school."

The High School Faculty Senate is a representative group of teachers who meet once a month to discuss ways to improve the high school. This year the group has focused on improving teacher morale. Some things that have been implemented since the beginning of the year include "You Matter Mondays," where teachers can wear a provided "You Matter" DC West t-shirt with jeans every Monday. We have also set up several teacher tailgates throughout the winter sports season that will continue into the spring. On February 8, DC West will hold its first ever "Teacher Appreciation Night" during the varsity basketball games against Platteview. During halftime of the varsity games, senior athletes will honor their choice for "most influential educator," by escorting them to center court to be recognized. It should be a great night to celebrate all the great teachers at DC West, Platteview, and throughout the state of Nebraska.

***The second quarter honor roll is listed on the second page of this report



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Quarter 2 Honor Roll of Distinction 2023-2024

| SENIORS | | JUNIORS | | |
|----------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|---------------------|--|
| Eric Asher * | Madison Taft | Sydney Atkins | Sarah Perkons | |
| Laney Bissaillon | Zachary Uehling | Jamison Badje | Mitchell Sullivan * | |
| Anna Borner * | Cameron Wiese | Jaeda Bakken | Zoe Teitler | |
| Brandon Christensen | Mesfin Wilson | Will Bergsten | Kayden VerMaas | |
| Brooke Cooke | Ryker Wohlers * | Kelan Bohlen | Colton Willmott | |
| Gage Gratopp * | Jack Woodward | Tieler Collette | Dakota Wolter | |
| Grace Holm | Lily Wright * | Trent Davidson * | Maddison Zach | |
| Hudson Jarecke | Nora Wurtz | Carleigh Dembinski | | |
| Elizabeth Jensen- Robinson | | Lyla Elsaesser * | | |
| Harley Kaven | | Alexis File | | |
| Cheyenne Kilmer | | Austin Fletcher | | |
| Megan Kopcis | | Robert Graves IV | | |
| Aubree Liss | | Ramses Graves | | |
| Ellie Lloyd | | Ava Grimm | | |
| Daniel Luna-Garza | | Stella Higginson | | |
| Terry Luthy III | | Brody Hillyer | | |
| Maria Malousek | | Bryar Jensen | | |
| Olivia Malousek * | | Catherine Johnson | | |
| Zachary McArdle * | | Remy Kirby | | |
| Jaylee Negley * | | Miles Korb | | |
| Angelina Ramos Garcia | | Gavin Lakner | | |
| Will Reeves | | Bryce Larsen * | | |
| Raya Sattem * | | Cameron Madden | | |
| Carley Shaw | | Grant Mayer | | |
| Brady Singer | | Madelyn Mitchell | | |

| SOPHOMORES | | FRESHMEN | |
|----------------------|----------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Bailey Anderson | Abby Rayer | Hailey Albrecht | Johanna Luthy |
| Bella Anderson | Kyler Rippe | Trent Alexander | Falon Mathes |
| Nolan Asher | Jetta Sattem | Liliana Balus | Kinley Nelson |
| lan Gleason | Trey Schieber * | Noelle Beyl * | Carina Ray |
| Kyle Gregurich | Waylon Schroeder | Peyton Bias-White | Aubree Richards * |
| Nylee Hayner | Jackson Schuiteman * | Lydia Bonacci * | Mallory Shaw |
| Adora Hays-Lavender | Joseph Stammer | James Bussen | Ryder Songer |
| Tess Henrichs | Addison Strong * | Allyson Cooke * | Carson Stanzel |
| Saybra Hermanson | Jaxon Swierczek * | Casey Dembinski | Gage Travis |
| Barrett Hinrichs | Jadie Vieth | Hayden Gottsch | Aspen VerMaas * |
| Maren Jarecke | Jasmine West | Julian Gottsch | Talia Walsh * |
| Emma Kincanon * | Beau Wilcox * | Eva Hert | Ava Walvoord |
| Cade Listenberger | Zane Wohlers | Scarlett Higginson | Brody Wiese * |
| Damian Monroe | | Brayton Holding | Ella Wiese * |
| Kolten Nelsen | | Hunter Holding * | Sindee Zook * |
| Amelia North | | Adisan Jeffrey | |
| Mason Pettit | | Emma Kopocis * | |
| Alexander Phillips * | | Tucker Korb | |
| Madelyn Phillips * | | Lillian Lakner * | |
| Anella Pralle * | | Jack Landauer | |

Quarter 2 Honor Roll of Merit 2023-2024

| SENIORS | JUNIORS | SOPHOMORES | FRESHMEN |
|----------------------|-------------------|----------------|---------------------|
| Paige Bias-White | Karsten Alexander | Kayden Foster | Brynlee Dasher |
| Tuff Brown | Jagger Denker | Joslyn Giles | Emily Fletcher |
| Lillyan Duncan | Markus Dorson | Kai Jorgensen | Angel Hernandez |
| Darby Giles | Chloe Greve | Blaine Martin | Halaina Hunter |
| Savannah Grabenstein | Lily Herman | Molly Moehling | Wyatt Janke |
| Lukas Johnson | Aspen Huber | Tucker Nielsen | Abigail Johnson |
| Elijah Manrique | Kiya Johnson | Benjamin Oien | Jesse Mentzer |
| Nathan Martin | Avery Maline | Trey Olsen | Yhosvel Perez Pages |
| Jonas Meairs-Richman | Colton Meduna | Colton Trost | Katelyn Stanton |
| Jayden Paulson | Samuel Musson | Paul Valadez | Wyatt TenEyck |
| Courtney Polonic | Jay Ourada | Evan Winters | |
| Blaine Quy | Carli Ptacek | Izzabella Zach | |
| Makynna TenEyck | Grant Scott | | |
| Kylee Vaughan | Luke Thimmesch | | |
| | Emma Toller | | |
| | Yoselin Trejos | | |
| | Brody Walsh | | |
| | Jackson Walvoord | | |
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