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From Principal Tim Gering:

Hello again from BFHS. Here at the high school winter sports are in the second half of the season and the first semester is winding down. I know it is hard to believe but the first semester ends January 28th with finals starting Tuesday the 26th. The finals schedule is similar to last year with a few minor changes. Each day will start at normal time 7:50. We have shortened the time allotted for each test, allowing us to cut the final schedule by one day. **The way the new schedule works students finish one hour early on Wednesday the 27th.** Students who drive will be released. Those who ride a bus will need to either go to the library or work in a teacher's room. As we have done in the past, the afternoon on Thursday the 28th will be designated for make-up exams. If students are finished with their exams they are released at 11:20. Buses will run at normal time. Students who don't have a ride and are waiting for the bus will need to check in with a teacher or the library. There is a copy of the schedule on the BFHS website if you have any questions. Please encourage your students to eat well and get plenty of rest during this busy time.

Winter sports are in full swing. Wrestling, Basketball, Dance, and Cheer have all been working hard. Don't miss out on "A Year With Frog and Toad" on Thursday and Friday @ 7:00. Early reviews say this is another fantastic production. On Saturday Wrestling is away at Priest River and there are four home basketball games starting at 11:30. For a full schedule of home and away events there is a link on the BFHS website with up to date information.

Last Thursday the school came together for a "Hands Up For Tolerance" assembly. Mrs. Nix spoke about tolerance and then the whole school traced their hand, cut it out, and wrote on them with messages of hope and tolerance. Look for them to be displayed at the school.

Mr. Knaggs and his advanced class have once again beautified our campus with snow sculptures. We weren't sure if the weather was going to cooperate but they managed to find a day that worked and they did a great job.



Mr. Garner and his class are busy dissecting grasshoppers and crayfish. Jazz band is headed to the NIC Jazz Festival on February 2nd and will compete in District 1 Solo and Ensemble on February 6th. In Mrs. Niewieroski's room they are completing a Career Exploration project where they select a career based on an interest inventory. They are currently making posters and sharing their information with the class.

Here is a note from the Counseling Department:

Students have the opportunity to take college courses during his/her high school career. The advanced opportunity program will allow students as early as 7th grade to begin taking high school courses to expedite the completion of the graduation requirements and possibly complete an associate's degree by the end of his/her high school years with the state of Idaho paying for the courses. The other program beyond the early completer is the fast forward program that pays for a 3 credit college class for juniors and 6 credits for seniors. Students taking college courses also have an advantage of living in Boundary County and can receive a discount off the tuition for the junior colleges in Idaho. For further information, please contact the school counselors, Laura Anderson (BFHS) or Kim Norwood (BCMS) or Jacob Garrison, Gear-Up coordinator.

Thank you for supporting your students and staff at BFHS. If we have not met yet stop by, my door is always open.