

School Update:

Last month we waved goodbye to 2020, and stepped into the unknown of 2021. One look at the news and you quickly realize it is still a wild world! The first week back to school headlines burned with news about an attack on our nation's capital! COVID-19 is still a challenge, the high school had nearly 40 students out due to contact tracing the week before Christmas. Following the holidays we bounced back and are holding strong. Our attendance was 95% the week after break. We hit the ground running and have been busy preparing students for semester tests. Winter activities are in full swing with great participation. We are cautiously optimistic about the season and make continual adjustments to keep our students and community safe.

We held a lock down drill on January 7th. This was a basic drill with two objectives,

1. Review lock down procedures in our flip charts
2. Refresh teachers on room protocols regarding locked doors and windows

Representatives from both our local police and the sheriff's department accompanied the administration during the drill, this was a definite bonus.

Academics:

- Martin Luther King Day is January 18th, this week is a great opportunity for teachers to share lessons about social justice, civil rights, and equality in education.
- Friday is the end of the 1st semester.
- Mrs. Eyer's English student's were recently published in the Bozeman Daily Chronicle.
- PIR day next Monday, January 18th, schedule for the day will be emailed this week.

Athletics and Extracurriculars:

- Coach Grabowska was selected as the class "B" football coach of the year.
- The high school received a Sportsmanship Award from MHSA, for 2019-20.
- We are in the process of scheduling another professional development opportunity for coaches through ProActive Coaching this winter.

Subtle Reminders:

- Driver's Education sign ups are next week.
- Manhattan High School sets high expectations for learning and behavior. Life is not easy, COVID is tough, let it never be an excuse for us not being our best.
- Remember to take care of yourself so you can take care of others.

Quote:

"Do not pray for easy lives. Pray to be stronger men." -John F. Kennedy-

Closing Message:

Please contact me if you have any questions regarding the high school, give me a call or send me an email. Please allow 24 hour response time to messages.

Take care, *Mr. Slater*