CONGRATULATIONS to the following students and staff for their outstanding accomplishments this year!!

August

Congratulations Laine Martinez for being the 2023 Graciela Wilborn North Dakota Foreign Language Teacher of the Year Award recipient! She is a truly deserving candidate for this award.

September

Homecoming Court:
Paige Breuer Escorted by LJ Araujo
Kendra Dockter Escorted by Lucas Dickerson
Raya Rood Escorted by Bridger Owens
Zoe Reichenberger Escorted by Jesse Feist

2023-24 Bismarck High Homecoming Queen & King
Jersey Berg Escorted by Braxton Just

- Each month staff recognized those students who are positive role models.
  - Students of the Quarter:
    - 9th = Bryn Lee, Sophia Zaidi, Layla Huber, Max Salazar-Araujo
    - 10th = Jillian Quale, Jordyn Rood
    - 11th = Lily Erdmann, Ethan Urbanek
    - 12th = Emerson Carufel, Raya Rood, Gabriel Vincent

October

- Let's introduce your 2023 WDA All-conference Bismarck High School Boys Soccer Players!!
  - #15 Liam Weis
  - #9 Logan Reuschlein
  - #2 Bryce Vatnsdal
- Congratulations to Tyler Wahl who earned 3rd place in the West Region individual singles tournament by defeating teammate Gabe Hanson who captured 4th. They will be entered as the 3 and 4 seeds, respectively, into the State Tournament. Both boys were named to All-Conference Honors as well as both being representatives for the West Region in the running for ND Senior Athlete of the Year in Tennis!
- BHS took top honors at the Regional Envirothon Competition
  - 1st place: Seth Peterson, Ethan Thurn, Eleanore Horning, Wakinyan Ute, Chase Schmidt
    Alternate: Parker Lonski
  - 3rd place: Olivia Bettenhausen, Sienna Huber, Laura Horning, Hannah Sarkilahti, Layla Huber
- Congratulations to Logan Reuschlein and Liam Weis who made All State Soccer
- Boys Cross Country Coach of the Year – Scott Reichenberger
- Girls Cross Country Coach of the Year – Janelle Olson
- Boys and Girls Cross Country took 1st at state!!!
  - Boys Individual Results:
    - Owen Hintz - 2nd
    - Parker Hintz - 3rd
    - Tyler Wahl - 7th
    - Gabe Hanson - 8th
    - Jakson Ensign - 10th
    - Dawson Balzer - 11th
    - Connor Ensign - 13th
    - Gabe Hamlin - 16th
  - The following Girls are ‘ALL-STATE’
    - Izzy Dahl - 4th
    - Aubrey Kleser - 5th
    - Taya Fettig - 8th
    - Bayla Weigel - 9th
- Each month staff recognized those students who are positive role models.
  - Students of the Quarter:
    - 9th = Cambree Anderson, Grace Neumann
    - 10th = Kiara Irizarry-Perez, Skyler Simosko
    - 11th = Trey Crissler, Conner Harvison
    - 12th = Jersey Berg, Srividhya Ighatinathane

November

- BHS State Cheerleading competition was a huge success!!
  - JV took 1st place in the Timeout Division
  - Varsity took 1st place in the Timeout Division
  - Senior Awards went to Annabelle Fuchs and Aliani Delgado-Torres
  - Mia Peterson is bringing home 2nd place in the Top Sideline
- Congrats to our WDA All-Conference Team volleyball members:
  - Tayla Andersen, Senior - 1st Team
  - Madison Foster, Junior - 1st Team
  - Jordyn Rood, Sophomore - 1st Team
  - Congrats to Tayla Andersen for being a nominee for senior athlete of the year!
- Bismarck High School DECA Chapter recognized for Thrive Level Chapter Campaigns. BHS DECA was among 645 chapters that achieved Thrive Level recognition during the 2023-2024 school year and will be commended at DECA’s International Career Development Conference (ICDC) held April in Anaheim, California.
  - Each fall, DECA offers four campaigns for chapters to complete as part of their leadership program for the year. These campaigns are designed to grow membership engagement and build lasting partnerships within the school and local community. Chapters that achieve Thrive Level receive a commemorative pennant, flag and plaque. The chapters also have an opportunity to participate in ICDC. In order to receive Thrive Level recognition, the chapter completed two out of three chapter campaigns, including the community service campaign, ethical leadership campaign, and promotional campaign.
  - BHS DECA members involved in the project are Kiara Perez, Khai Samaniego, Katara Santana, Aiden Campbel, Ethan Tena, Nathan Tena, and Grayson Grinaker.
• Great job to our BHS students who competed in the math competition at the University of Mary.
  o **Ethan Thurn** and **Micheal Moran** were the top performers from their age groups for BHS.
  o **Ethan Thurn** and **Grace Haider** tied for 3rd place overall in the lighting round.
  o **Ethan Thurn** got 2nd place overall in the individual test.
• Each month staff recognized those students who are positive role models.
  Students of the Quarter:
  o 9th = Aubrey Vatnsdal, Ava Davis, Zach Tschosik
  o 10th = Daniel Rainbow, Darnell Kills Crow, Brennen Greff
  o 11th = Sydney Kiefer, Amelia Hassebrock, Dymond Smith
  o 12th = Grace Gross, Denesse Wilson, Ty Luetzen

December

• Each month staff recognized those students who are positive role models.
  Students of the Quarter:
  o 9th = Julia Araujo, Nora Traynor
  o 10th = Tiernan Glass, Aidan Rakowski
  o 11th = Adyson Gallagher, Easton Egeberg
  o 12th = Cambrie Fischer, Rai Samaniego

January

• We are so excited to announce that **Valerie Ebenal** is our school champion for Poetry Out Loud this year. She will head to state competition in February.
  o Congratulations to **Journie Unterseher** and **Katarina Sevart** who did an outstanding job as well taking 2nd and 3rd place.
• Each month staff recognized those students who are positive role models.
  Students of the Quarter:
  o 9th = Kitara Pena Santana, Cayle Fischer
  o 10th = Reese Dever, Sydney Beach
  o 11th = Lucy Wisthoff, Grady Swanson
  o 12th = Carson Henke, James Nagel
• BHS FCCLA chapter members competed at the District 4 STAR Events in Dickinson. Three members took silver on their projects and will compete at the state level in April!
  o **Rylee Heinen** - Teaching Strategies - Silver
  o **Genevieve Neigum** - Teach & Train - Silver
  o **Jilian Quale** - Career Investigation – Silver

February

• Bismarck High School received two “Outstanding Performance” awards at the WDA State Woodwind Festival. There are three ensemble adjudicators, and only one ensemble per adjudicator receives this award. Congratulations to **Mya Lydeen, Lalli Red Horn, Zoe Reichenberger, and Keelin Traynor** from the Wind Ensemble Clarinet Quartet; and to **Taylor Cavett, Madeline Engel, Ahviana Harris, and Mia Peterson** from the Wind Ensemble Flute Quartet for receiving these awards.
• Congratulations 2024 National Science Bowl Regional Champions!!!! **Roger Karalus, Parker Lonski, Ethan Thurn, and Anna Armstrong**
• Great job at the cheer competition
  o 3rd place in Timeout
  o **Keeley Thorsness** and **Bianca Charboneau** received the Senior Award
  o **Mia Peterson** took 1st in All Around
• Congratulations **Bryce Vatnsdal** for breaking a 1998 school record in dive. With 6 dives Bryce scored the new school record of 271.10!!!! The old record was 265. Great job Bryce!!! During this same meet, Bryce also qualified in the 50 freestyle and 100 breaststroke. This was the first time he swam these competitions this year!!!!

• **2024 NDHSAA Class A Boys Wrestling Team Individual State Tournament Champions:** Bismarck High School!

• **2024 NDHSAA Class A Boys Wrestling Team Dual State Tournament Champions:** Bismarck High School!

• **2024 State Wrestling Champions**
  - LJ Araujo (172 lbs.) 5th State Title
  - Ben DeForest (121 lbs.) 3rd State Title
  - Hudson Egeberg (139 lbs.) ND State Wrestling Champ
  - Cade Nieuwsma – 2nd place (107 lbs.)
  - Tyrus Jangula – 3rd place (160 lbs.)
  - Colton Ireland – 3rd place (114 lbs.)
  - Landon McMahen – 3rd place (145 lbs.)
  - Braeden Halverson – 4th place (133 lbs.)
  - Devin Halverson – 5th place (152 lbs.)
  - Bridger Owens – 5th place (189 lbs.)
  - Ayden Schlafman – 5th place (215 lbs.)
  - Kayden Egeberd – 6th place (107 lbs.)
  - Carson Lardy – 7th place (139 lbs.)

• **2024 NDHSAA Class A Girls Wrestling Team Individual State Tournament Champions:** Bismarck High School!

• **2024 NDHSAA Class A Girls Wrestling Team Dual State Tournament Champions:** Bismarck High School!

• **2024 State Wrestling Champions**
  - Cambree Anderson (190 lbs.)
  - Aubrie Overson (142 lbs.)
  - Julia Araujo (130 lbs.)
  - Maggie Thielges (124 lbs.)
  - Paige Baumgartner 2nd place (148 lbs.)
  - Madison Reems 3rd place (136 lbs.)
  - Lexi Beckler 5th place (155 lbs.)
  - Brinley Buechler 6th place (250 lbs.)
  - Deja Ireland 7th place (112 lbs.)
  - Hailyann Turner 7th place (106 lbs.)
  - Kassidi Monroe 8th place (124 lbs.)

• NDHSCA Outstanding Senior Athlete Award for the 2023-24 school year … **LJ Araujo**.

• Congratulations to Team Hacktivistz for placing 2nd in the North Dakota Cyber Madness Competition! The team consists of **Ethan Rouse, Ayden Olson, Sri Igathinathane, Eleanore Horning, and Michael Moran**.

**March**

• Each month staff recognized those students who are positive role models.

  Students of the Quarter:
  - 9th = **Trysdan Geerdes, Charlie Wisthoff**
  - 10th = **Tate Fischer, Drew Taylor**
  - 11th = **Journie Unterseher, Luke Naslund**
  - 12th = **Hadley Greer, Bryce Vatnsdal**
The following students qualified as members of the 2024 Class A Academic All-State Team. **Parker Hintz** (Gold Team), **Tyler Harper & Aiden Ellertson** (Bronze Team), **Gabe Hanson** (Silver Team). Honorable Mention **Grace Haider**. Congratulations!

- Co-Senior Athlete of the Year - **#22 Jersey Berg**
- Congratulation to **Jersey Berg, Paige Breuer, and Raya Rood** for making the All-WDA Conference Team
- Congratulations at the 2024 State Swim and Dive.
  - **Sam Eggl, Garrett Wick, Noah Zaidi, Blake Nelson** broke BHS and state record in 200 Medley Relay. Old school record was 1:36:11 / New record is 1:35:26
  - **Blake Nelson** broke a state and BHS record in 100 Backstroke. Old school record was 51.16 / New record is 51.02
  - **Blake Nelson** also broke the 200 Freestyle school record. Old school record was 1:43:22 / New record is 1:41:69
  - **Bryce Vatnsdal** – State diving champion
- **2024 Boys Swim & Dive Championships – Top 16**
  - 1st Place – 100 Backstroke – **Blake Nelson**
  - 2nd Place – 100 Backstroke – **Sam Eggl**
  - 2nd Place – 200 Freestyle – **Blake Nelson**
  - 14th Place - 200 IM – **Connor Ensign**
  - 8th Place – 50 Freestyle – **Garrett Wick**
  - 9th Place – 50 Freestyle – **Noah Zaidi**
  - 5th Place – 100 Butterfly – **Sam Eggl**
  - 7th Place – 100 Butterfly – **Noah Zaidi**
  - 16th Place – 500 Freestyle – **Hunter Spotted Bear**
  - 2nd Place – 200 Freestyle Relay – **Black Nelson, Noah Zaidi, Sam Eggl, and Garrett Wick**
  - 2nd Place – 100 Backstroke – **Sam Eggl**
  - 6th Place – 100 Breaststroke – **Garrett Wick**
  - 10th Place – 400 Freestyle Relay – **Thalon Smith, Jakson Ensign, Bridger Duckwitz, Connor Engign**
- All-State Athletes for Swim & Dive: **Sam Eggl, Noah Zaidi, Blake Nelson, Garrett Wick, and Bryce Vatnsdal**
Scholarship Recipients:

National Cyber Scholarship – Srividhya Igathinathane
Conrad Leifur Language Arts Scholarship - Hannah Sarkilahti

Congratulations to the 2024 class valedictorians:

Valedictorian is determined by the student's GPA. The above students have a 4.0 or higher GPA. AMAZING!!!!

Below are Students of Highest Distinction. These are students who have a 3.75-4.0 GPA.

KFY Best of the Class. This is based off of 4.0 GPA and a 28 or higher score on the ACT.
Paige Breuer, Aidan Ellertson, Grace Haider, Gabriel Hanson, Tyler Harper, Parker Hintz, Srividhya Igathinathane, Morgan Johnson-Colbert, Braxton Just, Dyvich Kumar, Taryn Malmedal, Remington Nunez, Zoe Reichenberger, Raegan Rennich, Raya Rood, Ryan Russell, Andrew Schadler, Bryce Vatnsdal

2024 Presidential Award Recipients –
Seniors who have maintained a 3.5 or higher-grade point average and have scored in the 85th percentile or higher in reading or math on a standardized test are considered a member of this program.

We apologize if there are other achievements that were inadvertently left off this list. If you’d like to be added please send an email to cassie_bauer@bismarckschools.org