

Abingdon – Avon High School Principal's Report

November 13, 2019 Board Meeting

The October students of the month were selected on the character trait: Helpfulness. They were: Ella Bowen, Schuyler Emerick, Maleaha Nagel, Bryce Clark.

Mrs. Nagel held the annual senior student/parent financial aid (FAFSA) night on Wednesday, Oct. 9th at the high school. 11 parents and 2 students attended.

On October 23rd, Student Council hosted a blood drive in conjunction with Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center. All students 16 and older were encouraged to participate. 40 units of blood were collected, which is 7 units over the goal. There were 16 first-time donors as well. Because the 33-unit goal was met, Student Council earned a reward of \$290, which will be used for a charitable cause or to fund leadership opportunities for Student Council Students.

On October 25th the FFA chapter gave a presentation on safe driving around farm equipment and slow moving vehicles in the auditorium. The presentation was well received by the students and staff.

Eight FFA students attended the National Convention in Indianapolis from October 28-31. On the trip over they once again stopped at Fair Oaks Dairy & Pig Farm just across the border in Indiana where they learned about dairy cattle operations as well as pig farrowing methods. The first night at the convention they attended the "World's Toughest Rodeo." At the convention they attended sessions listening to keynote speakers, and the National FFA Officers. The students also attended the Career and College Expo exploring different opportunities Ag can offer them. On our way home we toured the Indianapolis Motorspeedway!

Halee Hendel was chosen to sing in the National FFA Chorus and went to the convention a few days early. She performed during sessions with the chorus on the main stage.

The FFA farm plot was harvested on Monday October 28th. This year's crop was soybeans and they harvested 528 bushels or about 59 bushels per acre which is down 129 bushels from last year.

First trimester finals at the high school were on Thursday and Friday, November 14th and 15th, The second trimester began on Monday November 18th.

The all-new STAT (Student Tech Advisory Team) met on 10/17 over the lunch periods. STAT exists to bring technology-minded students together to come up with new ideas for tech usage in our schools and give feedback on the tech tools and strategies we are already using. Students were nominated by teachers to be a part of this team. Topics of discussion during this first meeting included: the use of the 21st Century

classrooms, traditional vs. flipped vs. blended classrooms, technology device options/ideas and the students' desire for more digital feedback and collaboration.

Fall sports are complete. Cross Country ran their regional on October 26th at Aledo (Mercer County). Volleyball finished the season with a record of 10-21. They lost at the B-PC regional to West Central. The football team ended the year 6-4 finishing the year with a loss in the playoffs to Kirkland (Hiawatha). Winter sports are underway. Girls basketball has 11 girls out. Boys basketball has 17 boys out. Bowling has 10 boys and 14 girls. We also have 13 basketball cheerleaders.

The second Career Day was held on Friday October 18th in the High School Library. The speakers for the day were Health Care professionals . From OSF HealthCare St. Mary's Medical Center were Mindy Thurman and Aaron Stevens. From Home Health was Rachel Hecox. 9 students attended the session and had many questions for the presenters. The session lasted about an hour. I plan on holding the next Career Day in early November.



Upcoming Dates:

Veterans Day - November 11th

High School Finals - November 14-15

Meet the Tornadoes- November 15

Thanksgiving break - Nov. 27- Dec. 1