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Isiah Stuart competes at speech in Anchorage by Faith Snow



Isiah Stuart competes at the Speech State Competition at East High School in Anchorage, AK. Photo by Mrs. Sweet.

Last Thursday on February 17, Isiah Stuart traveled to the State Speech Competition in Anchorage, accompanied by Mr. Hall and Ms. Sweet who filled in as a coach. He did a really good job with his performance at East High School.

Isiah Stuart said, "It was an original and the title for my speech was "The Lunch Debate." Over all I felt great, third round was my best. The speech was mainly about how terrible school lunch can be. The experience was overwhelming and very terrifying, but I got through it." Mrs. Sweet said, "Sadly he didn't place, but the highlight was seeing how much he improved."

Mrs. Anaver, Mrs. Sweet, and Mr. Hall are all proud of him as he made a lot of progress and a big improvement from the beginning. Good work Isiah and all speech students! You all did an amazing job!

Online classes @ BRHS

by Kendal Herron

Have you ever wondered why there are so many kids surrounding Mrs. Bernard's room? These individual students are all taking online classes. At BRHS taking an online program has become more popular than it had used to be.

The purpose for online courses being offered is when BRHS doesn't have a teacher to teach for that class, for example, a Spanish course, or any other world language that you are interested in taking, if it is offered. BRHS currently does not have a teacher, as of this year, who can teach a world language, so it is offered on an online program.

For seniors, who have room in their schedule, they can take career exploratory classes that are not offered by in-school teachers. Some of these courses consist of: Intro to Dental Assistant, Marine Science, Criminology, Anatomy and Philosophy, Pharmacology, Hospitality and Tourism, Gothic Literature, etc.

Here is a little insight from Mrs. Bernard, she said, "Online courses allow students who need a class to graduate and we can't fit it into their schedule, or have an open block with the flexibility to take it independently. Some colleges require a world language to be accepted. I miss teaching, so it gives me a chance to help students with classes that they need to graduate or explore their future career choices. Online classes are not for everyone. You have to be able to work on your own and be focused. If students do not finish the class they will receive an F on their high school transcript."

If you are interested or want to know more about taking an online course, you can talk to Mrs. Bernard located in room B10.



After school Clubs @ BRHS

by Lauren Cedars



The Yuraq group poses with Ms. Guinn earlier this week during practice. Photo courtesy of Tun'aqi Blanchett.

Come check out these clubs at BRHS:

- Art–Mr. Fernelius
- Fiber Arts–Ms. Tuckruskye
- Table Tennis–Mr. Reames & Mr. Fernelius
- Yuraq-Ms. Guinn
- Upward Bound–Mr. Hadley

If you are interested in art, you can stay after school and see Mr. Fernelius in the art room from 4:15-5:30 pm every Tuesday. Students are free to work on any type of art they want. Mr. Fernelius often has guest artists come in to do demonstrations for students. He is planning on a field trip to the cultural center to see artwork on display, so check it out!

In Fiber Arts, you can work on needle felting, knitting, crocheting and even beadwork. If you are interested come by to Ms. Tuckruskye's room, C-47, on Thursdays 4:20-5:30 pm. All students are welcome!

Mr. Reames and Mr. Fernelius can be found in the lobby every Thursday after school for Table Tennis. Mr. Reames said, "One cool thing we've learned is the difference between Table Tennis and Ping Pong. Table Tennis is an Olympic Sport, Ping Pong is not." All ages and skills are welcome!

Yuraq is a traditional dance style that is practiced here in the BRHS lobby 4:20-5:30 pm every Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday with Ms. Guinn and Tun'aqi Blanchett. Any student who wants to dance is welcome, and it's not too late to join. Ms. Guinn said, "If you start coming to practice after Spring Break you'll have a chance to perform with us at the Cama-i Dance Festival at the Cultural Center on March 26 and 27th! I know it can be intimidating if you don't know or remember the dances, but everyone in the group is so kind, fun, welcoming."

Upward bound is an educational program for high school students 9th-11th grade. For more information, the next meeting will be on March 8th at 4:15pm with Mr. Hadley in the library. Contact the teachers above if you are interested in joining a club at BRHS!



Hello Warriors!

First of all I want to thank you all for making my birthday this week so exciting. It is my favorite day of the year, and I enjoyed spending it with all of you!

Next week is Spring Break!! Time take to relax, get outside, and time to spend with friends or family. When we return, we need to focus on finishing up Quarter 3 and preparing for Quarter 4.

Bethel Varsity Warriors Defeat Kotzebue Huskies

by Warrior Weekly Staff



Fiona Phelan and fellow Warriors show great defense. Photo by Warrior Weekly Staff.

The BRHS varsity girls basketball team hosted Kotzebue last weekend, Feb. 18-19, playing two intense conference games in the Warrior Dome, which was filled with their home crowd cheering them on.

Both teams displayed a high level of defense on Friday, resulting in several fouls and free throw shots to inch the scores higher. Kotzebue players made several 3-pointers early on. The Warriors gained strength as a team as the game went on, though, assisting each other with shots and making some fast break baskets. BRHS won the first game 46-36. Captain Ava Lieb said, "I feel like we could have played a little better the first game, but we made up for it in our second game I would say."

The next night, the Warriors repeated their victory, this time with a larger point spread, 45-28. Our BRHS players communicated well and showed great offense and defense. Payton Boney said, "I felt really good playing against Kotzebue last weekend, I think all of us as a team played great together, and I can't wait for more weeks to come!"



Coach Regina Lieb observes her team on the court, along with assistant coaches Melanie Fredericks and Carolyn Iverson, and varsity player Kendal Herron. Photo by Warrior Weekly Staff.

Allie Alexie said, "I felt that the games were really good. It was a good weekend to relax after the travel we've had these past few weeks, and I was really happy to play in the Warrior Dome again in front of our own Bethel crowd. We had two successful wins against our own region competition, so I was very happy for myself and my teammates for pulling through with the games. I'm excited for this weekend as it is going to be senior night and against the Nome-Beltz Nanooks!"

Echoing the importance of a Bethel crowd, Ava Lieb said, "I am going to give credit to the cheerleaders right now because it definitely was a different atmosphere without them. The gym wasn't as loud as it usually is with them. Hopefully they will be able to cheer for us this coming weekend." The Warrior cheer team does plan to show their enthusiastic support for our Lady Warriors this weekend. It'll be an exciting weekend of basketball. Good luck BRHS!

Warrior varsity boys go up against Kotzebue by Sydney Lincoln



Last weekend, BRHS varsity boys traveled to Kotzebue to compete against the Kotzebue Huskies. This was their second set of conference games of the season.

On Friday BRHS Warriors lost by 3 points, 43-40, on Saturday BRHS boys did a great job and won by 1 point, 56-55. Fantastic job BRHS Warriors!

Mason Fitka said, "I was nervous because these were conference games. The highlight of my game was when an opponent went up for a lay up and I blocked him, it was cool."

Charles Smith said, "I didn't feel nervosity, since I was so excited and confident in the teams' ability and intensity brought to each game."

The Warriors worked their hardest against the Kotzebue Huskies. Great job Warriors! Varsity BRHS boys are going to travel to Nome and going against the Nanooks this weekend.

JV Girls and JV Boys basketball scrimmage by Amanda Isaac



JV Warrior athletes Amanda Isaac and Ambrea Jackson play tough defense in a game earlier this season. Photos by Warrior Weekly Staff.

Last weekend, our Bethel JV girls and boys played scrimmages in the BRHS Warrior Dome. The colors for the girls were blue, gold and white and for the boys were blue and white.

Coach Iverson, JV Girls coach said, "I was very happy with how the scrimmage went this weekend. My favorite part of both games was having the teams attempt to score last second points to attempt to tie up the games. Both attempts failed, but it was exciting to see these girls learn the intensity of such tight games!



JV Warriors play a tough scrimmage last weekend, displaying effective offense and defense.

Coach Rabi, JV Boys coach said, "My favorite part of the weekend was being able to play basketball in the Warrior Dome in front of home families and friends. The games were very close and competitive. The guys played hard and were able to get better by working on their skills which is always a great thing. Overall, it was a great weekend where good basketball was played."

The scores for the JV Girls were:

Friday Home White: 41 Guest Blue: 39 Saturday Home Blue: 39 Guest Gold: 41

The scores for the JV Boys were:

Friday Home White: 52 Guest Blue: 42 Saturday Home Blue: 43 Guest White: 40

Both of our Bethel JV teams will play the JV Nome-Beltz Nanooks in the Warrior Dome. Good luck Warriors!

Who knows more about quarantining, the CDC or LKSD?

by Charles Smith



Since the beginning of the 2021 school year, the LKSD policy of quarantining for 10 days has remained in its entirety. Whilst the CDC allows 5 days with a negative rapid on the 6th to end their isolation, LKSD requires students to quarantine for 10 days.

Mrs. Miner said, "The 10 day quarantine may reduce to 5 if approved by the LKSD board."

Here is a quote from Hugh Dyment, a voice for the school and an LKSD board member. As part of his wishes, the following statement is assessed from his personal opinion, and he is not speaking as a board member, but as a resident of Bethel.

"What made this difficult was that the guidance for returning to work on day 6 includes expectations that masks can remain on at all times, keeping distant from others especially vulnerable to COVID, and staying physically separated from others while eating. We hoped we could manage that with our adult employees, but were not sure we could with the 4000 students we have in LKSD. Here's the "good" news -because testing is widely available to us, I think that may allow us to consider shortening our student isolation period. "

He later said that this will be brought up in the next meeting; so there is still hope for the school and the rest of the sports season this year.



by Brandy Jones

This break is much needed, students and staff look excited as the week goes by. The weather is getting warmer and warmer as spring break comes our way. I am really excited for spring break, I hope you are too!

Maya Ayagalria said, "I will be babysitting and volunteering for JROTC. I am excited for spring break."

Gustoff Erickson said, "I'll hopefully be stuck in Nome. I am excited for spring break."

Sgt. Calvetti said, "I will be helping with the small schools basketball tournament. I am not excited because I will be working the entire time."

Aubrey Kasayuli said, "I will be going to Scammon Bay for spring break. In Scammon I will be going Honda and Snow machine riding. I am very excited to go see my family."

Hank Karr said, "I will be going snow-go riding and hanging out with my bestest buddy ever of all time, Sheldon. I am honestly not that happy about spring break because school is fun."

Mr. Fernelius said, "I'm flying to Anchorage, renting a car and will be driving down to Girdwood to go snowboarding for the day, I am also going to drive homer and do some sight seeing. I am super excited for spring break.

Mr. Kuhne said, "I am just staying in Bethel this break. I will be working on my snow machine relaxing, I have not been out snow machine riding yet. I am excited for spring break. I think we all need a break, students and teachers."

Corbhin Evans said, "I will be riding my four wheeler and playing warzone. I am excited for break."

Hayden Naneng said, "I will be going to Anchorage and then driving up to Fairbanks to visit my cousins. I am pretty excited for spring break."

George Lee said, "I might be going to Anchorage. After that I will go riding or hunting for ptarmigan and enjoy my week. I am excited for spring break."

Brian Guest said, "I will be going snow machine riding, going to the store and buying red bull. I am excited for spring break because I'm going to the Yukon to ptarmigan hunt."

Leah Valadez said, "I am going to Anchorage to visit my brother. I am very excited to visit him and get out of Bethel for a couple of days."

Job Nelson said, "I am going to Coos Bay, Oregon. I will be be hanging out with my older brother. I am excited to have a break from school."

Zach Guest said, "I will be snow machine riding, enjoying the break. Spending time with family. I am excited because it's getting warm."

Landon Burke said, "I will be to my cousin Aarons to ride to the mountains. I am excited for this coming up break."

Mia Daniel said, "This spring break I will be hanging with my friends, sleeping in and, snow machine riding. I am excited for break."

Sterling White said, "I will be going to Anchorage for a visit and I am excited for break."

Cameron McCarr said, "This spring break I will be bird hunting most of the time. I am really excited."

Patricio Vasquez said, "I will be snow machining riding and hopefully bird hunting. I am excited for spring break"

Ms. Guinn said, "I am going to Las Vegas and Portland, Oregon. I have never been to Las Vegas before but I went to college in Portland. I am excited to see my old friends in Portland and the shows in Las Vegas."

James McMillen said, "During spring break I am going to go snow machine riding and ptarmigan hunting because I like to hunt. I will also be on my phone playing pubg, watching tik tok and snapchatting people."

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