



## BRHS HS speech competition

by Brandy Jones and Sydney Lincoln



BRHS speech students from left: Isaiah Stuart, Morgan Wuya, and Miles Dull. Great job and good luck at state! Photo by Speech Coach Jodi Anaver.

BRHS speech participants read their speeches through zoom on January 18th and performed well! The three students Morgan Wuya, Isaiah Stuart, and Miles Dull will be going to Anchorage for state on February 17th. Only four participants in the district joined speech, one from Mertarvik, and three from BRHS.

Morgan Wuya's topic was humor. Her poem is called "My Dog Has No Manners" by Bruce Lansky. She said, "I don't stutter as much anymore, and I don't mind talking in front of a group of people." Morgan felt nervous and felt like she might stutter and mess up her speech, but she did great!

Isaiah Stuart's speech was an original oration: "The Lunch Debate". Isaiah said, "That practice gave me some stress, but I adapted. I felt fear and a little nervous." He also wants to better up his speech before state.

Miles Dull wrote an expository speech called "Bread". Talking in front of people affected him a whole lot.

Coach Jodi Anaver said, "They all performed very well at the district competition. They all had two rounds, and improved from the 1st to the 2nd round." Good luck at the state competition next month!

## COVID-19 cases and quarantine

by Amanda Isaac

Bethel Regional High School has not changed the COVID-19 positive quarantine period. It's ten days for students and five days for staff, according to LKSD COVID-19 Protocols.

Principal Miner said, "Two weeks ago, we had 50 students in quarantine.. Last week, we had 49 cases." Within the first two weeks back to school from winter break, already some students have been at home in quarantine. This week, 53 BRHS students are quarantining.

Quarantine has affected the teachers also, because they have to get work ready for the students who are absent. While students are at home quarantining, their parents will contact the school and let them know. They need to pick up work for students to complete it during their time at home.

Ms. Hanson said, "Students being here and being gone and you never quite know who that'll be, makes it really difficult to help them stay caught up. Quarantine makes it more of a responsibility for students to come up and find their teachers and ask for the missing work they need."

Ms. O'Boyle said, "I'm glad we're staying safe and I'm glad they have the protocol in. There are more things we have to be conscious of and deal with."

BRHS staff and students are required to wear face masks, wash their hands often, stay at least 3 feet apart from each other, cover coughs and sneezes, and clean and disinfect surfaces.

Ambrea Jackson said, "Covid has affected me with school work because if I test positive then I have to do homework at home."



# Varsity girls basketball wins at home against Kodiak

by Warrior Weekly Staff



Coach Lieb talks to the girls varsity players during a timeout last weekend. Photo by Greg Lincoln.

The BRHS girls varsity team showed perseverance and teamwork last weekend against Kodiak during the Donlin Gold Tournament, winning both games. Kendal Herron said, “It was my first varsity home game. We had great teamwork and scored a lot of transition points over the weekend.”

Led by their coach, Regina Lieb, the Warriors won on Friday with a score of 48 to 36 and on Saturday with a slightly narrower victory of 47-40. Coach Lieb said, “The girls performed very well; we were missing six of our girls so we had to make some adjustments. On Saturday we had four girls scoring double digits, it's nice to have multiple players looking to score.”

Allie Alexie said, “Even though we had many of our varsity players out, we were still able to push hard with those we still had. We knew we had to step up and play as hard as we could and that’s exactly what was able to happen. We beat our opponents and showed what we are capable of doing even when we don’t have a full team there with us.”

Ava Lieb added, “For me personally my biggest highlight was playing a position I normally don’t play, while still creating situations for scoring opportunities, rebounding, and having a couple steals in our last game.” The Warrior and Bethel crowd cheered the team on, which helped to motivate them. Kate Smith said, “One highlight from last weekend was hearing our home crowd cheer for the first time this season.” The girls varsity team’s next tournament is February 3-5 in Seward.

# Varsity basketball boys compete in the Warrior Dome against Kodiak

by Kendal Herron



Coach Jung talks to the boys varsity players during a timeout in a game earlier in January. Photo by Warrior Weekly Staff.

The Warriors competed at the Warrior Dome in the Donlin Gold Tournament last weekend. Kodiak, Hutchison, and Homer were all supposed to attend, although the Kodiak Bears were the only team to make it in. The Warriors played against the Bears both on Friday and Saturday evening, resulting in Kodiak with the wins.

The Warrior’s first game was Friday at 7:30 PM. The head varsity coach Mr. Jung said, “Performance was pretty good. Kodiak is a great team, maybe top 3 at the 4A level. Our first game against them we turned the ball over far too much.” The Warriors played the Bears again on Saturday, at 6 PM. Coach Jung said, “Our second game was much better. We still struggled to score, but we executed our offense much better and avoided the turnovers that killed us on Friday.”

This weekend of the 28th, the Warriors will compete in the Warrior Dome against the Barrow Whalers. It will be their first conference games along with senior night as well. Jung said, “I am looking forward to our first conference games of the season. Barrow is always a tough team. We will need to play well, with lots of energy against them.” Captain and senior Peter Crow said, “I’m excited to compete in the Warrior Dome for one last time. We seniors are looking forward to performing in front of our home crowd and families.” Good luck Warriors!



**Cheerleaders perform at basketball games**  
by Faith Snow



The BRHS cheer team fires up the basketball team with their enthusiasm last weekend. Photo provided by Faith Snow.

The BRHS cheerleaders have been cheering for the varsity the past couple of weeks. They have been making good progress and doing an amazing job performing for our basketball teams.

Kiley Twito said, “It was fun and really exciting to finally cheer at a home game for the first time in the season.” The cheer squad consists of: Coach Theresa McIntyre, Captain Elenor Whitney, Co-Captain Marion Swope, Cadence Cedars, Kiley Twito, Adylin Jung, Adeline Perry, Jordan Klejka, Faith Snow, Morgan Wuya, and Miles Dull.

**JV basketball**  
by Lauren Cedars

The JV Warrior basketball teams had their first home games and played against the Aniak Half breeds. The Aniak girls and boys basketball teams drove down here to the Warrior Dome to compete last weekend.

The JV teams played both Friday and Saturday night. Each player was allowed four spectators to watch in the gym.

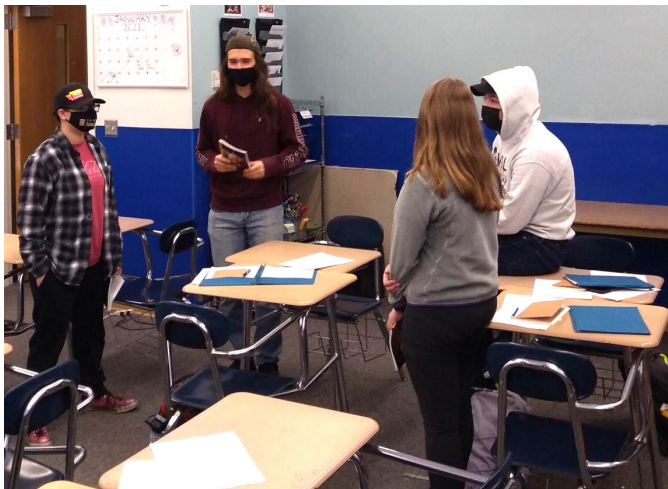
The girls lost their first game against the Half Breeds. They did lose both games but made a lot of improvement from the first game. Malinda Simon, #25 said, “The highlight of the games was getting my name and number called for the lineup and being able to get lots of playing time in, because it’s my first high school home game.”

The boys JV also did well in their own games, and we look forward to seeing them play this weekend. Good luck!



The Warriors perform a center court cheer at the start of a basketball game two weeks ago. Photo by Warrior Weekly Staff.

**BRHS no phone policy enforced for students**  
by Faith Snow



Students discuss literature without the distraction of their phones.  
Photo by Warrior Weekly Staff.

Students are not allowed to be on their phones during class, only allowed time on their phones before school, during passing periods, and after school.

Mrs. Miner said, “The goal is not to punish students but to help them earn credits, pay attention, and learn the material when they’re in the building.”

The teachers goals are to educate us the best they can without distractions. Science teacher Ms. Chmielarczyk said, “I’ve always had such a limited time with my students each day, students have plenty of time to be on their phones before school, during passing periods, during lunch, and after school.”

Having no phones during class seems to be helping teachers with their instruction. English teacher Ms. Mutch said “I have noticed that students seem to transition more quickly from one activity to another, and also focus on the reading and note taking more without phones out all the time.” BRHS staff want to help us learn in the best way possible and part of that is requiring the No Phone Policy.



*Valentine’s Day Sale  
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The BRHS Music Department will be sponsoring the annual Valentine’s Day fundraiser again, and orders will be accepted starting Monday January 31.

**Items for sale–**

balloons      small teddy bears  
candy      fresh flowers

*Look for order forms online or at the school beginning Monday.*

***Thank You!***