

Board Report

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November is upon us, and although we are between sports seasons, it is a very busy time at the high school. The honor roll for first quarter came out on Friday, October 27. We have two types of academic honor rolls at DC West; an Honor Roll of Distinction and an Honor Roll of Merit. To be included on the Honor Roll of Distinction, a student must have accumulated a GPA of 3.5 or higher for that grading period. To be included on the Honor Roll of Merit, students must have achieved a 3.0-3.5 GPA during the grading period. The first quarter Honor Rolls are listed on page two of this report.

Last June, I decided I wanted to try a different type of professional development this year. I felt that after 29 years in education, I needed to get out of my own bubble and see what other schools are doing to serve kids. With this in mind, I decided to visit 2-3 similar size NCC Conference Schools and 1-2 larger neighboring schools. My first visit was to Arlington High School on the morning of October 16. I met Principal Aaron Pfungsten at around 8:00 and toured the facility, met several students and staff members, and had a lengthy discussion regarding several pre-prepared questions and/or potential observations. The questions/observations were:

- What are your student and staff supervision duties including teacher observations and walk-throughs? What do you find most/least effective?
- What does your high school do best? What about your high school causes student, staff, and community pride? What makes your high school a special place for students?
- How does your high school support students who struggle academically and/or socially?
- What is causing problems at your high school or driving you crazy as a leader this year?

While I am not planning on publicly sharing my findings from any specific school, I am hoping to pick up at least a few things I can bring back to improve my personal practice and/or DC West High School as a whole. My next school visit is to Syracuse High School on Thursday, November 30. When I finish all my school visits this spring, I plan on sharing general ideas and practices I found most interesting and beneficial.

Quarter 1 Honor Roll of Distinction			
SENIORS		JUNIORS	
Eric Asher *	Maria Malousek	Jamison Badje	Gavin Lakner *
Paige Bias-White	Olivia Malousek *	Jaeda Bakken	Bryce Larsen *
Laney Bissailon *	Elijah Manrique	Will Bergsten	Ezekiel Larsen
Anna Borner *	Nathan Martin	Kelan Bohlen *	Cameron Madden
Brandon Christensen	Zachary McArdle *	Tieler Collette	Grant Mayer
Brooke Cooke *	Jonas Meairs-Richman	Trent Davidson	Colton Meduna *
Lillyan Duncan	Jaylee Negley *	Carleigh Dembinski	Madelyn Mitchell *
Darby Giles	Jayden Paulson	Jagger Denker	Roan Murdock
Savannah Grabenstein	Courtney Polonic	Markus Dorson	Sarah Perkons
Gage Gratopp *	Blaine Quy	Lyla Elsaesser *	Carli Ptacek
Hemeny Guitierrez	Wil Reeves	Alexis File *	Angelina Ramos Garcia
Liliana Harris	Raya Sattem *	Austin Fletcher	Evan Steele
Grace Holm *	Carley Shaw	Robert Graves IV	Mitchell Sullivan *
Hudson Jarecke	Brady Singer *	Ramses Graves	Zoe Teitler *
Elizabeth Jensen- Robinson *	Madison Taft	Chloe Greve	Luke Thimmesch
Caleb Johnson	Zachary Uehling	Ava Grimm *	Emma Toller
Lukas Johnson	Kylee Vaughan	Aidan Heim	Kayden VerMaas *
Harley Kaven	Cameron Wiese	Lily Herman	Colton Willmott *
Cheyenne Kilmer	Mesfin Wilson	Stella Higginson	Dakota Wolter
Megan Kopcis *	Ryker Wohlers *	Brody Hillyer *	Maddison Zach
Payton Lawler	Jack Woodward *	Aspen Huber	
Aubree Liss *	Antwan Wright Jr.	Bryar Jensen *	
Ellie Lloyd	Lily Wright *	Catherine Johnson *	
Daniel Luna-Garza *	Nora Wurtz	Remy Kirby *	
Terry Luthy III *		Miles Korb	
SOPHOMORES		FRESHMEN	
Bella Anderson	Madelyn Phillips *	Hailey Albrecht *	Lillian Lakner *
Nolan Asher *	Anella Pralle *	Trent Alexander	Jack Landauer
Joslyn Giles	Abby Rayer	Liliana Balus	Falon Mathes
Ian Gleason	Kyler Rippe	Noelle Beyl *	Anthony Neto Almenares

Kyle Gregurich	Jetta Sattem *	Peyton Bias-White *	Carina Ray
Nylee Hayner	Trey Schieber *	Lydia Bonacci	Aubree Richards
Adora hays-Lavender	Waylon Schroeder	James Bussen	Mallory Shaw
Tess Henrichs	Jackson Schuiteman	Allyson Cooke *	Ryder Songer
Barrett Hinrichs	Joseph Stammer	Brynlee Dasher	Carson Stanzel
Caiden Hoops	Addison Strong *	Casey Dembinski	Gage Travis
Maren Jarecke	Jaxon Swierczek *	Emily Fletcher	Aspen VerMaas *
Emma Kincaanon	Colton Trost	Julian Gottsch	Talia Walsh *
Cade Listenberger	Jadie Vieth	Eva Hert	Ava Walvoord
Edison Lopez-Marroquin	Jasmine West *	Scarlett Higginson	Brody Wiese
Damian Monroe	Beau Wilcox	Brayton Holding	Ella Wiese *
Kolten Nielsen	Zane Wohlers *	Hunter Holding *	Sindee Zook *
Amelia North *	Izzabella Zach	Adisan Jeffrey	
Trey Olsen		Abigail Johnson	
Mason Pettit		Emma Kopocis *	
Alexander Phillips *		Tucker Korb	

Quarter 1 Honor Roll of Merit

SENIORS	JUNIORS	SOPHOMORES	FRESHMEN
Ty Bevington	Sidney Atkins	Bailey Anderson	Mikayla Cappello
Levent Capan	Nathan Bevard	Collin Biesterfield	Brayden Fehlhaber
Camden Cowan	Jackson Denker	Jayden Blank-Jimenez	Hayden Gottsch
Jack Cremers	Ethan Feldhacker	Jordan Brumbaugh	Hudson Harlow
Michael Croom	Grace Getsfred	Ethan Denstad	Angel Hernandez
Ethan Griffith	Samuel Hayden	Kayden Foster	Halaina Hunter
Alexandria Johnson	Kiya Johnson	Georgia Goff	Johanna Luthy
Kale Kotil	Nathaniel Koborg	Saybra Hermanson	Trevor Meck
Taylor Patterson	Avery Maline	Kai Jorgensen	Jesse Mentzer
Ashton Scott	Caiden Marksmeier	Cheyanna Kruse	Kinley Nelson
Miles Shallberg	Samuel Musson	Blaine Martin	Yhosvel Perez Pages
Logan Stanton	Grant Scott	Molly Moehling	Dalton Schnatz
Jonas Timm	Yoseline Trejos	Benjamin Oien	Katelyn Stanton

Drake Travis	Brody Walsh	Grant Parr	Brienna Sullivan
Charles Wood		Brody Radcliffe	Remington White
		Reece Royuk	
		Paul Valadez	
		Rowan Williams	
		Evan Winters	

