



Contributors

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FINISHING STRONG!!

CONGRATULATIONS PIRATES!!!

The Pirate Boys Track Team has earned the State Academic Championship for 1B Boys Track and Field. The eleven participants on the team had a 3.723 overall team GPA. The team will be honored at the 1B Championships in Cheney on May 24. The Pirate Girls Track Team earned 3rd place among all 1B Girls Track teams with a 3.82 overall team GPA. This is the fourth team academic award this year earned by the Pirates. Earlier this year Boys Cross Country was 2nd and Boys basketball was 7th.

The WIAA Scholastic Award program recognizes and rewards teams that maintain a high collective academic standard. In addition, the team/group with the highest average GPA for their activities and classification level is recognized as Academic State Champion. Follow the overall 1B scholastic cup standings by connecting to the following link <http://www.wiaa.com/cupranking.aspx?SecID=346>. The Bickleton Pirates are currently ranked 12th out of 81 B schools and have the highest point total among all Greater Columbia League schools. Way to go Pirates.

JUNIOR PROM 2019

Adriana Gonzalez

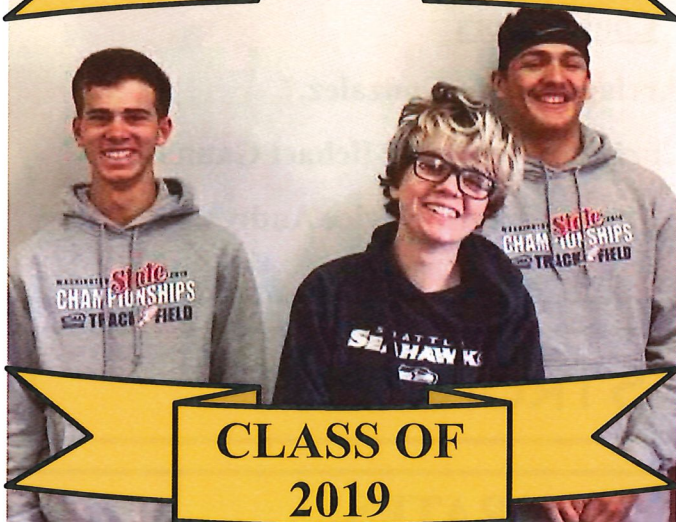
This year's juniors organized an amazing prom that took place in the Bickleton church on May 4. The junior class put so much effort and time into prom which paid off in the end. They had a carnival theme, which incorporated multiple colors. They also had a photographer whom everyone enjoyed so much. The community had fun dancing and eating. Overall this year's prom was a success.

BINGO NIGHT

Haylee Andrews

Bingo is a way for the community to get together and have fun. Goodwill Ladies are the ones who have been putting Bingo together every year. The best thing is when you see people of all ages yelling out "Bingo" and seeing a smile on their faces when they see what prize they got. Bingo was on March 22 of this year. There were a lot of people there having fun and laughing. Bingo is a great experience because it's a way to relax and have a great time.

CONGRATS



Graduation Date

**Saturday—June 1st @ 4pm
Bickleton School Gym**

CESAREO ARRIAGA

Leyla Gonzalez

Cesareo Arriaga, one of this year's seniors, will be missed by all of his classmates. Cesareo has an energy that will lift everyone's spirit. As ASB President, he is always looking for ways to include everyone and make sure that everyone is having a good time. Cesareo has been attending Bickleton School since elementary. He is passionate about basketball and is a leader in both the classroom and the court. What Cesareo will miss most about high school is spending time with his friends and building lasting friendships with those around him. His favorite memory is the bonfire that he and his friends made at the end of his junior year. Cesareo wishes to further his education and continue making memories along the way.

MICHAEL GANNON

Hayden Andrews

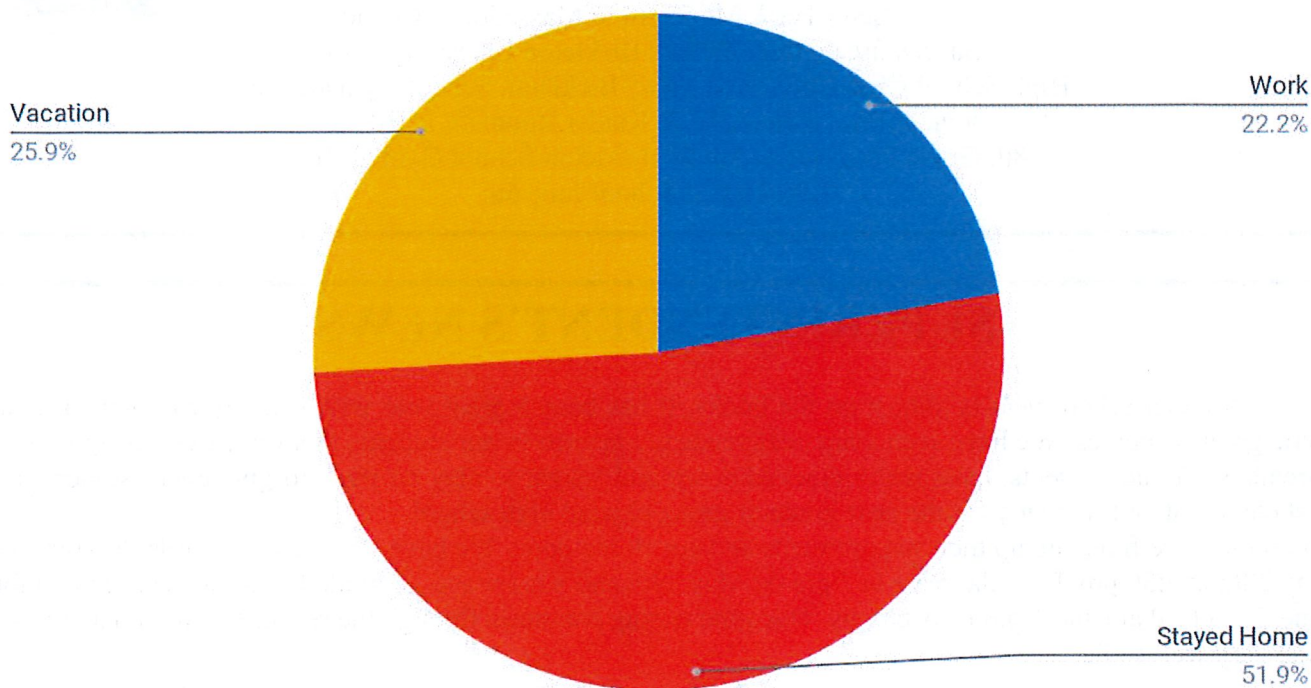
Michael Gannon is one of the three seniors who is graduating this year. He has been here since sixth grade. Michael has done all of the sports that our school has to offer, guys cross-country, basketball, and track and field. Of these sports, he has gone to state in cross-country three times, as well as in track & field. After high school, he plans to go to Perry Tech to become an electrician. His favorite memory from Bickleton is when he was at state for track and field and he and the other tracksters spent the night in a hotel.

HANNAH BINFET

Dakota Riggs

As the school year winds down, all of the 12th graders begin to think what the next year will bring. Hannah Binfet transferred to Bickleton at the beginning of her junior year. While attending Bickleton she competed in track and field in both her junior and senior years along with cross country her senior year. When asked what her favorite high school memory was, she said it was at the end of her freshman swim season when she was dared to run across the tarps covering the pool and almost made it, until she fell in right at the end. Hannah, along with the rest of the senior class, graduates on June 1, 2019.

What did you do during Spring Break?



THE WORLD RECORDS CLINIC

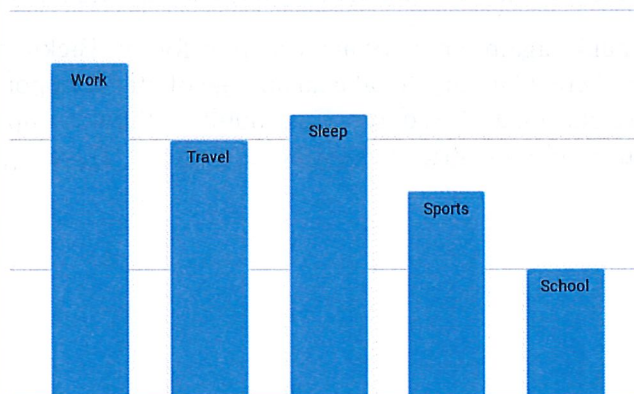
Christian Arriaga

The World Records Clinic was a great experience for those Track & Field athletes who attended the camp. All of the athletes who went said that they had a great time with the coaches and with the new friends that they were able to make. Everyone left the camp with more experience, which they were able to apply to their individual track events. The clinic was hosted in Wahluke High school in Central Washington. Hopefully we can go back to the camp next year because the experience was one of a kind.



STUDENT SUMMER SURVEY

Surveying the high school students on their plans for this summer, a decent portion of them are planning on working this summer, with sleeping and relaxing coming in as a close second. It shouldn't be a surprise that school was last, with a few planning on drivers' education as a summer activity.



UPCOMING EVENTS



State Track May 23rd to May 25th @ Cheney
Baccalaureate May 29th @ Bickleton Church @ 7pm
High School Graduation June 1st @ Bickleton School Gym @ 4pm
Kinder Promo June 5th @ Kinder Room @ 11:30am
8th Grade Promo June 5th @ Bickleton School Gym @ 1pm
Last Day of School June 6th

SUPERINTENDENT'S NEWS

Another school year is almost on the books. It has been a great year with some great challenges and some great outcomes. We have seen some real academic growth in our students this year. Everyone involved, parents, staff and students, have really cracked down and fought to stay on track to give every student their best chance at getting ready for the next grade or going beyond high school.

The seniors are finishing up their requirements and are all but done. We have our Spring Awards Program on May 28th at 5:30 pm, Baccalaureate at 7 pm on May 29th and Kinder and 8th grade Promotions scheduled for June 5 at 11:30 am and 1 pm respectively. Our state testing continues through the rest of this month and has gone very well so far.

Our legislature removed passing the Smarter Balanced tests from the state graduation requirements. We will continue to take the Smarter Balanced tests because the State of Washington is required to have an assessment in place to satisfy the Federal Government's requirements. So, the test is still very important to us and we will continue to administer it, but next year's seniors will not be required to pass it as a graduation requirement.

I want to thank everyone for adjusting to all the changes we had to make throughout the year. Two major ones that come to mind right away were the weather and our heating system. Our snow-days were made up as of Friday, May 17th with the exception of two hours we will make up on the last day of school. I know everyone made sacrifices, starting in January, to keep the roads and school open and to make up the time we missed in the classroom. Coming to school with no heat was also a big challenge. Everyone came together and did what needed to be done. This is an important part of our school and community culture.

One area I hope we can improve on next year is school attendance. We have been committed to making sure we miss as little school as possible because our 4-day student schedule means we cover a lot of coursework every day. Making up a missed school day by any student is a challenge. I am aware that being sick and having appointments do happen and can't be avoided. All I ask is for everyone to make it a high priority to have the students in school every day. I promise our school days are not wasted time. With that being said, we do have quite a few students who have stellar attendance.

Thanks again for everyone's support for our Bickleton School District. Students, you are the very reason we are here. Continue to take advantage of all the opportunities you have. Parents, keep up the good work. You are our greatest resource. Community, school is important because you make it important. Staff, you set the pulse of our district so keep beating strong. Have a great summer!

