



NEW HAMPTON HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES DEPARTMENT

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Activities Report January 2025

FINE ARTS

- NEIBA Honor Jazz Band was held at Cedar Rapids on January 11 and our music students are participating in the NEIC conference music festival at Charles City on January 20.

SPEECH

- Over 30 students are participating in Large Group Speech this winter and 9 total groups will perform at district competition at Turkey Valley on January 25 with participants earning I Ratings advancing onto state competition at Decorah on February 1. Also, we have 17 students participating in Individual Speech this winter.

WINTER SPORTS:

- All winter sports - basketball, bowling, wrestling - are in the middle of their respective seasons with record-setting performances by our top-ranked boys bowling team as well as a dual team tournament championship won by our girls wrestling team on January 14.
- The girls super regional wrestling tournament is at Mason City on January 31 with the girls state tournament the following week while New Hampton is hosting the boys district wrestling tournament on February 15 after the last NEIC conference tournament at Charles City on February 1.

STRENGTH & CONDITIONING

- We are waiting for the school board-selected architect to share the final design and cost estimates for a new weight room facility while improvements continue to be made to the existing facility.

BUDGET:

- Mr. Jurrens commented that the overall balance of the General Activities Account is “about as high as we’ve seen” with only one negative group account whereas he said there were 10-15 negative group accounts when he started at New Hampton CSD.
- Incorporating input, feedback, and recommendations from this past fall, our new and improved Chickasaw concession stand with additional menu options and a streamlined process has been successful this winter, which has enhanced an important revenue source.

CULTURE & SPIRIT

- Character development and our H.E.A.R.T. initiative continues with “Mac’s Monday Morning Minute Message,” et al.
- Including the introduction of our new Student-Athlete Advisory Council (SAAC), various efforts have been made to improve school spirit and “Game Day” environment, e.g. player introductions (spotlight, music, etc.), pep band, special recognitions & performances (volleyball, dance team, youth sports, etc.).