

The *Spartan* Spotlight

FBLA Outlook By Rachel Matthews

FBLA has undergone some major changes. With a very successful group of senior leaders graduating last year, Mrs. Boettcher has hopes that her seniors this year will step up to the plate and lead the chapter this year. Leadership is absolutely essential with all of the community and fundraising work the FBLA Chapter hopes to complete this fall. Precautions have been made, however, in the event the members of the chapter have to work from home. Most events for state, at the end of the school year, can be done virtually, along with the various conferences throughout the months. When asked what her goals for this year are, Mrs. Boettcher says she hopes for more recruitments in the spring and summer months, not just in the fall. FBLA is such a rewarding organization and she hopes to share the experience with as many students as possible.

Keep your eyes open for the Fall Leadership Conference at the end of September! A virtual experience, it will be a fun experience for those who will attend.

FCCLA Outlook By Elizabeth Holmberg

FCCLA is going to do a community service project this year. Although they are not exactly sure what they are doing, they do hope that they will exceed like they did with the ALS awareness project. Out of all the chapters in the nation, the FCCLA Chapter received the National Award for community service. FCCLA is planning on doing a monthly raffle ticket with prizes each month. State and national competitions are up in the air with the pandemic. The FCCLA competitions on the district level are already planned to be virtual.

Meet the Media Team! By Mrs. Kluckman



Top row: Elizabeth Holmberg, Nevaeh Jockens, Leah Jockens
Bottom Row: Rachel Matthews and Kyra Gonzales

This year, Boyd County students saw the addition of a few new electives to choose from when filling their class schedules. One of those classes was my Media/Broadcasting class. Five students joined the class. They may be small in numbers, but already seem big in ideas, creativity, and determination. The students in this class will work hard during the year to bring the school and community a monthly newsletter, written and video interviews from students, teachers, staff and community members, and updates to the school website. In the wake of COVID, perhaps one of the most important things the students in the Media/Broadcasting class will do is bring Boyd County sports and activities into your home. We have added Striv (pronounced Strive) to our school for live streaming capabilities. Be sure to check the school website and Facebook page to keep informed of what games or activities are being live streamed, and where to go to watch. We are looking forward to putting our journalistic abilities to use as a great addition to our school.

FFA Outlook By Kyra Gonzales

Students who are in FFA this year can expect a lot of practice for career preparation. Even if they do not know what field they want to go into, Miss Nolles is hoping to at least give them an opportunity to find some ideas. The community can expect to see FFA students out as much as possible, even though activities may be limited in the pandemic.

In November and December, there will still be the big fruit sale fundraiser, which helps support the organization. It will help them pay for State and National conventions. It will also help them do some cool leadership opportunities.

Mr. Brown's Outlook on Covid

How long will we be taking Covid-19 precautions this year?

Brown: "Boyd Country is going to be taking Covid-19 Restrictions for majority or the school year. The reason is to keep students in school and to avoid having online learning."

What are your hopes for the school year?

Brown: "To stay in school and not to have to send any students home. Also, to try and keep things clean and healthy."

Is there anything you want to let the student know?

Brown "I hope everyone is happy to be back in school, and if any students need anything my door is always open."



From the Coach: Volleyball

By Leah Jockens

Some of the things that affect the volleyball team in term of Covid-19 were not being able to finish the practices for golf and track. They also had a long three month before they could get back into the school to weight lift and condition. The volleyball team was able to hold open gyms to practice some fundamentals. Coach Brown said that she believes that we are ahead of other sports. When they do practice they have to take temperatures of all the players before they enter the gym and they take attendance for tracing purposes in case there is an exposure to COVID-19. The volleyball team sanitizes the equipment that was used in practices, and the custodians take care of the locker rooms after practices and games. There is a chance that the whole team would have to wear masks at away games. Coach Brown also said that she feels like we will have a successful volleyball season because they had a great turnout for the weight room and open gyms. Their biggest hope is to have a whole season.

From the Coach: Football

By Elizabeth Holmberg

When school let out for Covid, it was a big change for the football team. After June 1st, when they could get back into the weight room, it helped bring them together, especially in the social aspect. The football team is going to have to take some precaution. For example, the team box on the side lines is going to be extended. With the pregame coin toss, normally, they can send as many captains as they want, but now there is only one team representative. Also, the football team cannot go through and shake hands at the end of the game. The football team is excited about the season with twenty-one kids out. There are many freshman players along with the more experience upper class team members. As long as they can all stay healthy and can play the full season, the football team should have a very competitive season.

From the Coach: Cross Country

By Leah Jockens

The XC team has had a great start to their season this fall. With little to no change in the teams and summer preparation from normal years, they are right on schedule for their first XC meet on the 3rd of September. Just like the other teams, they are being cautious. Student athletes are being asked to wear masks in the vans to and from practices and meets, and to social distance as much as possible. Couch Johnson is incredibly stoked about the up and coming season. She says the seniors have done a super job at leading the team, and she is very pleased with how well the team has performed in practices. And the reward for all that hard work? Trips to the river to cool down! Creating fun memories like that are what will last a lifetime.

Middle School Students' Thoughts on Remote Learning

By Kyra Gonzales

Remote learning was equally hard for most students. However, because of the extra free time, the students had some opportunities to explore new hobbies such as art and riding bikes. When asked what the biggest difference was in their lives due to the long Covid-19 summer, some students said they took extra precautions and some students didn't change at all. One fact these students agreed on was their opinions on being in school for the whole year. Students are glad to be back in school and would not want to be anywhere else!

Meet the New Spartan Teachers!

Inquiring minds want to know one fact about you.

Jalas: "I have met Bill Murray and actually played basketball with him."



Mr. Jalas

"I went to a one room country school kindergarten through 8th grade, like the little house on the prairie, but I was usually the oldest and the only girl so I learned to be more independent."



Mrs. Nolles