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HOME OF THE STOVER BULLDOGS  
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BE THE 1 IN MCR-1--IT'S OUR ATTITUDE

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE**

**BY MATT UNGER,  
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**

Welcome to the Morgan County R-1 School District! The Bulldog Bark is a quarterly publication that is produced and distributed by the R-1 District so that we can better inform the residents about all the great things going on at Morgan County R-1. We hope you enjoy and if you would like any additional information, please be sure to let us know.

Welcome to the 2022-23 school year. The theme school year is MCR-1: 'Be The #1- It's our Attitude!' Being #1 is not a skill. It is the attitude you bring to the challenges you face. It is about believing in yourself and letting your actions show how you think, feel, and behave. I have tasked all our staff members to create, nurture, and maintain a #1 attitude to do the very best we can for the children we serve. In return, I challenge the parents and students to 'Be the #1.... It's your Attitude! With everyone believing in and trusting each other great things will happen!

On August 24, we welcomed the Class of 2035 (feeling old?) when 68 Kindergarten students had their first day of school. Over the past several years, I have written about our significant enrollment increases. Since 2014 we have increased our enrollment by 192 students, or nearly 34% increase. This year, our registration is comparable to where we were last year. This enrollment increase has resulted in needing to expand our facilities.

The Board of Education is working with HTK Architects and Navitas to help us meet our facility improvement goals. The Board of Education has prioritized

classroom addition, restroom renovations, Cafeteria expansion, and energy savings as the top priority. The Board would also like to create a local track, baseball, and softball facilities. Our long-term plans also include a new bus barn and an expansion of our practical arts programs. At this time, the FEMA Dome is on schedule to be paid off during FY23-24, allowing us to move forward with these projects.



Annually the Board of Education is tasked with setting the tax rate. When selecting the tax rate, many factors are calculated and recalculated by the State Auditor. Our tax rate for the Fiscal Year 2022-23 was estimated at nearly \$3.42 per \$100 assessed valuation. However, the Board of Education chose to leave it unchanged at \$3.41. Here is how our tax rate compares to other Kaysinger conference schools

Cole Camp: \$3.37	Northwest: \$4.04	Lamonte: \$3.80
Otterville: \$4.16	Tipton: \$4.00	Lincoln: \$4.04
Green Ridge: \$3.93	Smithton: \$3.65	Windsor: \$3.56

We are thankful for the support that citizens give public education. As former President Reagan once said, 'Every citizen has a personal stake in supporting education.' Thanks for your help.

Morgan County R-1 will show off our #1 Attitude with many exciting changes and initiatives for the 2022-23 school year. As you read through this publication of Bulldog Bark, you will learn about some of our new programs, revamped programs, and outstanding academic and extracurricular programs. Since we

all live in the 'SHOW ME' State, we want to show you that MCR #1 has a #1 attitude'!

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### **Alumni Comes Back**

MCR-1 is so fortunate to have so many graduates return to our school and continue giving back to the community.

## **Morgan County R-I Building Goals for 2022-2023**

*By Jessica Smith and Michael Marriott  
Elementary Principal and High School Principal*

We are so lucky at Morgan Co. R-1 to be part of such a great community and have outstanding students to work with. The students are working extremely hard this year to achieve all their goals, and we could not be more proud of them and our teachers that work with them daily.

This year, Morgan County R-I will continue to be a data-driven school district providing an effective curriculum for all our students. Year after year, we take pride in working as a team with teachers, students, and parents. We will continue using assessments such as NWEA, Dibels, ACT, MAP, EOC, and PSAT data to determine student areas of need and improvement. The data collected from these assessments will help us determine curricular needs and develop an action plan that promotes growth and achievement.

We will track growth and achievements by setting goals, developing a plan to meet the goal, and monitoring the growth occurring toward goals. We will set smart goals for the classroom and individual student goals, develop strategies to achieve those goals, and implement those plans. We will continue to use the Exact Path program as well. This program takes the NWEA assessment data and develops a learning path for each individual student and their identified areas of need. Our students can use this extra tool to meet their academic needs and classroom instructions.

Every year the high school sets goals according to our Cradle to Career program that we implemented in 2017. When selecting the goals, we look at what our students need to be success-ready upon graduation. Success-ready is making sure that our students are ready for whatever comes after high school, whether it is college, trade/tech school, the workforce, or the military. The Cradle to Career program allows us to collect data and see how we can best help our students to make sound decisions about their plans and tailor our academic/vocational plans to help them meet their goals.

We will also provide family involvement and student engagement opportunities that promote positive learning experiences outside regular classroom instruction. Reading Nights have begun and have already been a success! The Elementary building will also host two art shows this school year! Our fine arts program is excited to show off our

elementary student art skills. We will host Winter and Spring music concerts as well. Our clubs & activities will continue participating in community service activities too. We aim to continue communicating on all platforms so that our students, parents, and community will be well-informed about activities and events.

As we work through this new school year, our success will be a collective effort between our faculty, staff, students, families, and community. Working together, we are the ONE in MCR1 with our success-driven Bulldog Attitude!

### **NOVEMBER ACTIVITIES**

- 14-- 8th grade tour of Eldon Career Center**
- 14—MCR1 Celebrates World Kindness Day**
- 14-27—Winter Online Store**
- 14—JH Basketball Practice starts—Must have a current physical**
- 15—Scholar Bowl at Tipton at 4:00 with Tipton, Green Ridge, and Cole Camp**
- 15—Basketball Jamboree at Stover**
- 16—ACT WorkKeys for the Seniors**
- 16—School Board Meeting at 7:00**
- 17—Picture Retakes**
- 17—Group Pictures**
- 17—Vocal Clinic at Lincoln at 2:00**
- 17—FFA Meeting at 6:00**
- 17—Reading Night at Ivy Bend Youth Center at 6:30**
- 17—Vocal Clinic Concert at Lincoln at 7:00**
- 17—Wrestling Parent Night for JH and HS in the HS Gym at 6:00**
- 18—Midterm**
- 19—Butler JH Wrestling Tournament**
- 21-25—No School—Thanksgiving Break**
- 21—Staff Inservice**
- 22—Staff Inservice**
- 22—Basketball at Crocker at 5:00—JVB/VG/VB**
- 22—Versailles Girls Wrestling Tournament at 3:30**
- 28—Butler Dual JH Wrestling at 5:30**

## **B.E.A.T.**

*By Melissa Stone  
After School Director*

B.E.A.T. Bulldogs, Enrichment, Activities, and Training is the afterschool program at Morgan Co RI. Our program operates Monday–Thursday from after school until 5:30. Our afterschool program offers activities focusing on reading, math, STEM, fitness and nutrition, Social-emotional learning, and computer skills. We also serve our students dinner and provide transportation to local bus stops.

This year our theme is around the world. We will travel to all seven continents and explore different countries within the continents. So far this year, we have traveled to Asia and North America. We will be heading to Europe in the next few weeks. We read books about the countries, made crafts, and learned how to play games from those as well.

We were just awarded a two-year continuation grant that will help keep us operating through the 2023–2024 school year. We are now working as the ARP Cohort 10. This grant allows us to provide a safe place for all students enrolled in B.E.A.T. and helps them academically.

We hosted our second annual Lights on activity in conjunction with parent–teacher conferences on October 20th in the school cafeteria 2:00–6:00 pm. We had activities for everyone to enjoy and learn about the benefits of an afterschool program. Anyone who attended and completed the scavenger hunt was entered into a drawing for a family engagement basket.

**Save the Dates**  
**for the Christmas Concerts**  
**DECEMBER 5 AT 6:00--PK-2 GRADE**  
**DECEMBER 6 AT 6:00--3-5 GRADE**  
**DECEMBER 8 AT 6:00--6-12 GRADE**  
**ALL CONCERTS WILL BE IN THE HIGH SCHOOL GYM**

## FALL SPORTS

*By Tony Pace  
Athletic Director*

The Fall Sports season is on its way to a close, and the teams had a great run this year.

The JH Soccer team added 6th grade for the first time, and it took a while to get acclimated, but it had a good season that ended in a 4<sup>th</sup>-place finish in the conference tournament. This was a great season of growth for the entire team, especially for those sixth graders who made up most of the team. This should help to form an excellent foundation for next year's JH team.

The JH Volleyball team also had another strong season. They added some new opponents from outside the conference and got off to a strong start. Although the team saw some bumps in the road, the girls made some significant improvements and will be prepared to continue the strong tradition of Stover Volleyball. The upcoming 8th graders will be a great addition to the HS program, and the 7th graders will learn some valuable lessons for next year.

The JH Cross Country team had another excellent season culminating in the Stover Cross Country meeting that determined the conference champions. Gabby Sidebottom won the JH Girls conference, and the girls finished in 5 of the top 6 spots. This is a good sign for the future of the Cross-Country team in the coming years.

Finally, the JH Bulldogs could participate in football for the first time this year. In a cooperative sponsorship with Cole Camp, our student-athletes were allowed to play for the Cole Camp JH team. Twelve of our students took advantage of this chance and got some football experience. The players traveled to Cole Camp daily for practice and participated in six games. These students had an excellent opportunity to experience something that no other Bulldogs have had the chance to do.

### **On to the HS teams...**

The Soccer team has done very well this season. Coach Witte has been blessed with 18 Bulldogs that have worked very hard to improve. One of the season's highlights was an overtime loss to the Fatima Comets in the Stover Classic. This team had beaten them earlier in the season, and the Bulldogs had improved enough to come within one PK of a win. The Bulldogs also earned the #2 seed in our district and beat Crocker for the opportunity to advance. The Bulldogs earned 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the District, and the seven freshmen and five sophomores will form a young core to help in the program's future.

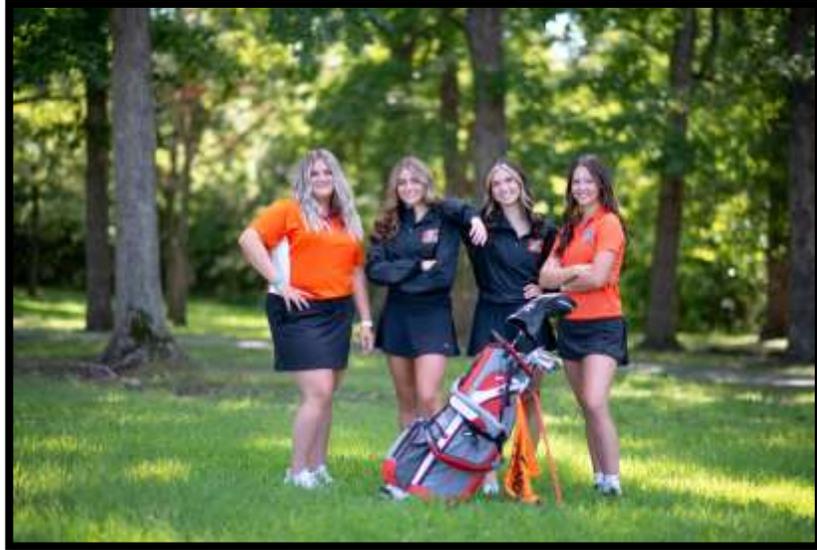
The 2022 Girls' Golf season was a great success. Not only was it the first time in many years that we have had girls' golfers, but two qualified for State. Mia Rowland, Freshman, & Brooklyn Black, Sophomore, played at the state tournament and placed in the top 50% of all the contestants. Both girls and the entire team had a great season and will continue to improve from here.

The HS Cross Country team has had another successful season. The Boys' team has won several meets, including the conference championship at the Stover Cross Country meet. Blaine Brodersen repeated as conference champ, and the boys won the conference again. The team's success continued throughout the season as the boys advanced three runners to the state meet in Columbia. Blaine Brodersen, Elijah Judd, and Gavin Welpman will compete on Saturday, November 5.

The Volleyball team had another successful run through the season. They not only repeated as the undefeated conference champs, but this year, they also won the Hallsville Tournament. As the season progressed, the team came together and showed some resolve in some challenging situations. They clinched the conference championship against Cole Camp and, one week later, won another District Title by defeating that same team. This was the 3rd District Title in 4 years. The team traveled to Eugene for sectionals. The Eugene team has been in a very competitive rivalry for the last five seasons, and this year would be no exception. Earlier in the season, the Lady Bulldogs had pulled out a tough 5-set win at Eugene and hoped to repeat that success in sectionals. The Lady Bulldogs accomplished the task in 4 sets this time and won the sectional. They advanced to host the Quarterfinal game against the reigning state champions in Hermann. Although they came up short in this game, the program's continued success was more exciting than ever, and the team's accomplishments were something we can all be proud of.







## 2022-23 STOVER BULLDOG WINTER SPORTS SCHEDULE

DATE	SPORT	OPPONENT	LOCATION	LEVEL	TIME
11/15	BB	Basketball Jamboree	Stover	VG/VB	5:30
11/17	W	Parent Meeting	Stover HS Gym	JH/HS	6:00
11/19	W	Butler Tournament	Butler	JH	
11/22	W	Versailles Girls Tourn.	Versailles	JHG/JHG	3:30
11/22	BB	Crocker	Crocker	JVB/VG/VB	5:00
11/28	W	Butler Dual	Butler	JHG/JHB	5:30
12/1	W	Butler All-Squads Dual	Butler	JH/HS	
12/2	BB	Pilot Grove	Pilot Grove	JVB/VG/VB	5:30
12/3	W	Lone Jack Kickoff Tourn	Lone Jack	HS B	
12/6	BB	Russellville	Russellville	JVG/VG	6:00
12/6	W	Windsor All-Squad Dual	Windsor	JH/HS	3:30
<b>12/9</b>	<b>BB</b>	<b>Iberia</b>	<b>Stover</b>	<b>JVB/VG/VB</b>	<b>5:30</b>
12/10	W	Versailles Boys	Versailles	HS B	
<b>12/10</b>	<b>BB</b>	<b>JV Saturdays</b>	<b>Stover</b>	<b>JVG/JVB</b>	<b>8:00</b>
12/12	W	Knob Noster HS Dual	Knob Noster	HS	
<b>12/12-17</b>	<b>BB</b>	<b>Stover Tournament</b>	<b>Stover</b>	<b>JHG/JHB</b>	<b>TBD</b>
<b>12/12</b>	<b>BB</b>	<b>Lincoln</b>	<b>Stover</b>	<b>JVB/VG/VB</b>	<b>6:00</b>
12/14	W	Blair Oaks Girls Tourn	Blair Oaks	HS G	
12/16-17	W	Battle on the Katy Trail	SFCC	HS	
<b>12/16</b>	<b>BB</b>	<b>Windsor</b>	<b>Stover</b>	<b>JVG/VG/VB</b>	<b>5:00</b>
<b>12/17</b>	<b>BB</b>	<b>Santa Fe</b>	<b>SFCC</b>	<b>VG/VB</b>	<b>1:30</b>
<b>12/19</b>	<b>BB</b>	<b>New Franklin</b>	<b>Stover</b>	<b>VG/VB</b>	<b>5:00</b>
<b>1/2-7</b>	<b>BB</b>	<b>Stover Tournament</b>	<b>Stover</b>	<b>VG/VB</b>	<b>TBD</b>
1/7	W	Tipton Tournament	Tipton	HS	
1/5	BB	Green Ridge	Green Ridge	JHG/JHB	5:30
1/9	BB	Osage	Osage	JVG/VG	6:00
<b>1/9</b>	<b>BB</b>	<b>Otterville</b>	<b>Stover</b>	<b>JHG/JHB</b>	<b>5:30</b>
1/10	BB	Otterville	Otterville	JVB/VB	6:00

1/10	BB	Russellville	Russellville	JHG/JHB	5:00
1/10	W	Sherwood Dual	Sherwood	HS	
1/10	BB	Northwest	Northwest	JHG/JHB	5:30
1/12	W	North Calloway Tri	North Calloway	HS	
1/13	W	Cole Camp Girls JV Tour	Cole Camp	HS	
<b>1/13</b>	<b>BB</b>	<b>Northwest</b>	<b>Stover</b>	<b>JVB/VG/VB</b>	<b>5:00</b>
1/14	W	Warsaw Tournament	Warsaw	HS B	
1/16	BB	Richland	Richland	JVB/VB	5:30
1/16	BB	Smithton	Smithton	JHG/JHB	5:30
<b>1/17</b>	<b>BB</b>	<b>Smithton</b>	<b>Stover</b>	<b>JVB/VG/VB</b>	<b>5:30</b>
1/19	BB	New Bloomfield	New Bloomfield	VG/VB	6:00
1/20	BB	Green Ridge	Green Ridge	VG/VB	6:00
1/21	W	Missouri Military Academy Tournament		HS	
<b>1/23</b>	<b>BB</b>	<b>Sacred Heart</b>	<b>Stover</b>	<b>JHG/JHB</b>	<b>5:30</b>
1/24	BB	Sacred Heart	Sacred Heart	JVB/VG/VB	5:30
1/26	BB	Lincoln	Lincoln	JHG/JHB	5:30
1/27-2/4	BB	Kaysinger Tournament	SFCC	VG/VB	TBD
1/31	BB	Windsor	Windsor	JHG/JHB	5:30
<b>2/2</b>	<b>BB</b>	<b>La Monte</b>	<b>Stover</b>	<b>JHG/JHB</b>	<b>5:30</b>
<b>2/4-11</b>	<b>BB</b>	<b>Kaysinger Tournament</b>	<b>Stover</b>	<b>JHG/JHB</b>	<b>TBD</b>
<b>2/6</b>	<b>BB</b>	<b>Warsaw</b>	<b>Stover</b>	<b>JVB/VG/VB</b>	<b>5:30</b>
2/6	W	California Dual	California	HS G	
2/8	BB	Crest Ridge	Crest Ridge	JVG/JVB/VG/VB	4:30
2/10	BB	La Monte	La Monte	JVB/VG/VB	5:30
2/10-11	W	Girls District	TBA	HS G	TBA
<b>2/11</b>	<b>BB</b>	<b>JV Saturdays</b>	<b>Stover</b>	<b>JVG/JVB</b>	<b>8:00</b>
<b>2/13</b>	<b>BB</b>	<b>Tipton</b>	<b>Stover</b>	<b>JHG/JHB</b>	<b>5:30</b>
2/14	BB	Tipton	Tipton	VG/VB	6:00
2/16	BB	Cole Camp	Cole Camp	JVG/VG	6:00
2/16	BB	Cole Camp	Cole Camp	JHG/JHB	5:30
<b>2/17</b>	<b>BB</b>	<b>Cole Camp</b>	<b>Stover</b>	<b>JVB/VB</b>	<b>6:00</b>
2/17-18	W	Boys District	Versailles	HS B	TBA
2/22-23	W	State Wrestling	TBA	HS	TBA

Time and activities are subject to change





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