

THE BLUEPRINT

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT !

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept 7- FFA @ Shoshone @ 9am, XC @ Magic Mountain @ 3:30, VB w/ Castleford @ Home @ 6
Sept 8- FB w/ Mackay @ Home @ 7
Sept 9- Swim Meet @ Gooding @ 2 & Lock-In @ 3pm
Sept 11- JH FB @ Murtaugh @ 4, VB @ Glenns Ferry @ 6, & School Board Meeting @ 6:30
Sept 12- VB @ SVCS @ 5
Sept 13- JH FB/VB w/ Camas County @ Home @ 3
Sept 14- HS JV FB @ Camas @ 4
Sept 15- Teacher In-Service & XC @ Twin Falls @ 1
Sept 16- Swim Meet @ Rupert @ 11
Sept 19- VB w/ Hansen @ Home @ 6
Sept 20- JH FB/VB w/ Castleford @ Home @ 3
Sept 21- VB @ Hagerman @ 6
Sept 22- FB @ Hagerman @ 7
Sept 27- JH FB @ Butte @ 3, JH VB @ Home w/ SVCS @ 3, Swim Meet @ Twin Falls @ 3, & XC @ Arco @ 4:30
Sept 28- VB @ Home w/ Richfield @ 6
Sept 29- FB @ Castleford @ 7
Sept 30- Fall Festival @ 3:30

Welcome Back

I am so excited to have the staff and students back in the school. It was a very busy summer at Dietrich schools with a lot of projects that were completed over the summer. You will notice new concrete in several places on the school grounds. I am especially excited about the new concrete in front of the school with the new sidewalks for students to walk on. Hopefully, this will help morning and afternoon pickup be a little safer for our students. Some other projects that were completed included new pipe in the ceilings on the high school side for the fire suppression system, a new fridge/freezer in the kitchen, and air conditioning in the main gym. We will still be working on a few projects this fall before winter hits. This school year we are focusing on literacy once again. Elementary will continue with our reading intervention program. We are excited to see the growth our students will make this year. In addition to the reading intervention program, we will be implementing a K-12 writing portfolio. The week before students came back to school, the district brought in a trainer from Write Tools who taught teachers some basics on text analysis and also helped us develop the writing portfolio for K-12. You can expect that every student will be doing a lot more writing this year across the curriculum and at every grade level. This was an area of weakness for our students on the ISAT scores specifically so we are going to focus on improving our student's writing skills this school year. We have also reorganized advisory to put literacy and writing at the forefront. Students will also be receiving a daily grade for participation in this course. Students will receive 1 credit for advisory for the year.

Advisory Schedule

- Mondays- Study hall/grade check.
- Tuesday- Students will receive a writing prompt and need to turn in for a grade.
- Wednesday- Study hall.
- Thursday- Students need to bring a book to read.

It is really important that we recognize student and staff accomplishments. You will notice in the entryway by the main office that we have a bulletin board for Staff/ Student of the Month. We will be honoring one elementary and one secondary student each month and one staff member. This will start in September. I hope everyone has a great school year. I want to thank you for trusting Dietrich Schools with the education of every one of our students. I plan to make this the best school year for every one of our students and staff.

Superintendent Stefanie Shaw

A WORD FROM OUR DEAN OF STUDENTS

Hello everyone!

School is off to a great start and I am very excited for the year ahead. Students seem to be engaged in the classroom and learning every day. One of my main goals last year was to improve morale and student involvement. We are making strides towards that and I want to continue to improve in that area throughout the year!

I am also very excited for all of the students participating in extracurricular activities this fall. I am hopeful that both football and volleyball will have successful years, and I am looking forward to sending some cross country athletes to the state meet.

During the summer break, student council made an effort to plan multiple events they want to do throughout the course of the year. I am excited to see the ideas they have in mind and am looking forward to seeing them bring them to life! It takes involvement from our entire study body to make them great, so make sure you do your part and get involved!

Let's continue our great start and carry it out through the entire school year. Go Blue Devils!

Mr. Astle



SENIOR SPOTLIGHT



By : Kay Stowell and Amory Shaw

One of this year's seniors is Carissa Berthelson, and here are a few interesting things about her. Carrissa's favorite memory of highschool is being called Asian every day of her life. Her plans after high school are to go to college to train dragons. She will then serve an LDS mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. She will then buy a dragon named Toothless. Her favorite teacher is Ms. Wood because she helped her learn new insights in school and life in general. In the future, she wants to live in the Gobi desert with her pet dragon Toothless. The thing she will miss most about high school is seeing her friends every day. Her best friend, Kay Stowell, has been her biggest inspiration in high school. Kay has inspired her to be the best version of herself and has kept her humble. Her dream job is to become a dragon trainer and train dragons all over the Gobi desert. The teacher that has changed her highschool experience is Mr. McHan because he always had faith in her and showed her that she has hope in her education. Her favorite shoes are converse, she loves the color pink, and hopes to own a white Ferrari in the future. We are excited to see Carrissa excel throughout this school year and many years to come.



For this month's senior spotlight we interviewed Tallie Christiansen. Some of her favorite things are: Platform converse, the colors blue and pastel yellow, and her dream car is a black jeep. Her favorite highschool memory was Ms. Wood's world history class junior year. Her plan after high school is to study Cosmetology at USU, and her dream job is to own a salon. At some point in her future she would like to live in Arizona. The teacher that changed her high school experience for the better was Ms. Wood. Tallie chose Ms. Wood because she taught Tallie that school should have a positive experience, and shows what a good teacher should be like. She showed Tallie that she cares, and was very understanding towards Tallie and all of her students. Tallie's biggest inspiration to get through high school was to prove to herself that she could accomplish it. The thing that she will miss most about high school is getting to see her friends everyday.



Steve Shaw: Science Teacher

By: *Katlyn Wanamaker*

New Staff!

This month I had the chance to interview one of the new staff members, the new science teacher, Mr. Shaw. This is Mr. Shaw's first year teaching. One of the jobs he had before was a truck dispatcher. He owned his own semi and would deliver products all over the states. Another one of his jobs was a brand inspector for the state of Idaho. He also played sports while he was in highschool, those sports are basketball, football, and rodeo. Mr. Shaw's favorite memories are rodeoing and playing basketball. He loved the thrill of the bucking horses while he was rodeoing. Playing basketball he made a buzzer beater, and won the game. Mr. Shaw's favorite season is fall, he says the cooling down is his favorite part of it. He likes the changing of the colors and watching a good football game on a cool evening. We are so excited to have Mr. Shaw in our school this year!

Abby Power: New Paraprofessional!

By: *Denis Vargas*

Mrs. Power is one of our news additions to our Paraprofessional Staff. Her hometown is Shoshone, Idaho and she attended and graduated from Shoshone High School. Mrs. Power graduated in 2020 during the COVID Pandemic. Her graduation was not like all regular graduations. When asked about her favorite memory from high school she told me that she got to shoot confetti cannons in the Shoshone Gym, and this was something that is not allowed in Shoshone so this was a great memorable moment for her. Some sports that Mrs. Power participated in were volleyball, basketball, and track and field. Mrs. Power is working on getting her teaching degree for elementary education. This is what gives her the motivation and drive to want to continue her journey in teaching. One way that she keeps her students interested in her lessons is by being silly and sometimes making fun of herself to make kids feel comfortable and interested in lessons. One funny thing that a student has asked Mrs. Power is if "George Washington invented the Alphabet". Not only does Mrs. Power love teaching and education, she also loves the summer time. This is because she can go outside and do some fun stuff with family and friends. Her favorite candy is anything that has chocolate and her favorite restaurant is Chick-fil-a. We are so happy to have Mrs. Power at Dietrich Schools and can't wait to see her grow in her education and teaching skills.

Perri Smith! By: *Fernando Ibarra Zavala*

I interviewed the school's new employee in the lunchroom, Perry Smith. She was born in Florida, then moved to Timberline and went to Timberline High School in Boise, Idaho, where she played varsity basketball. One of her favorite memories is seeing the band "The Stingrays" for the first time in Florida. Before becoming a lunch lady, she was a bakery manager and worked in the daycare at the Gowen Air Force Base. The reason she became a lunch lady is because her kids come to the same school and she wants to be by their side. The craziest question a student has ever asked Mr Smith so far is "Why do you have an earring on your lip?" Her favorite season is fall, since "it's still warm and you don't get sick". Her favorite candy is the cookies and cream Hershey's, and her favorite restaurant is Olive Garden. We are so excited to have Perri as part of our staff!

Ashlyn Robertson! By: *Paje Van Tassel*

I got to interview Ashlyn Robertson. She is one of our new paraprofessionals. Her favorite season is summer because it is warm. The sport she played in highschool was cheerleading. The reason she chose to work here is because it is close to home, she loves to work with kids, and she wants to get to know the community. She grew up in Paul, ID and went to school at Minico. Her previous jobs were the beet dump, flower shop, and pest control. Her favorite memory was hanging out with friends and the most wild thing she did in highschool was not telling her parents where she was going and just doing stupid stuff with friends. Her favorite candy is Twix, and her favorite restaurant is Red Robin. She keeps her students engaged by letting them take a little breaks here and there. We are very excited Ashlyn is a part of our staff this year.

FOOTBALL

By: Isaac Ward

At Dietrich High School we are very excited for this football season, see a lot of potential, and have high hopes for our team! This is Coach Brody Astle's first year as head coach and Coach Garrett Astle's second year assisting in coaching. I had an opportunity to interview both coaches and get their input on what they expect this season to look like and what they believe are the best qualities of a great player. Coach Brody Astle said that he expects that a lot of the younger guys will step up and improve on a daily basis, and he expects that the older guys will step up and replace a very big and experienced senior class from last year. His expectations are that we will win our conference, make the playoffs, and hopefully be playing for a State Championship. Coach Garrett Astle expects that we will all improve throughout the season. One of his biggest goals is to shape all the boys into young men and teach them to respect everyone on and off the field. When asked what are the best qualities of a great football player, Coach Brody said "smarts and understanding of the game, work ethic, and willingness to put their body on the line." Coach Garrett said "willingness to learn, time around the sport whether that be playing, watching, or in the weight room, and that kids are respectful and coachable." We are excited for our football team this year!

I got to start off this year with interviewing Mrs. Novotny. She isn't a new staff member, but in a new position, the second grade teacher. Her favorite season is fall! She loves everything about it: the pumpkins, weather, and the color orange. In high school she loved volleyball and basketball, but didn't play on a team. Mrs. Novotny has always loved teaching kids because of the satisfaction that comes from it. She likes seeing the progress in their reading as well. In December of 2021 Mrs. Heimerdinger told her to go back to school to be a teacher and this was when Mrs. Novotny realized it. The craziest question that one of her students has asked her so far is, "why are you so old?" Mrs. Novotny grew up in Escalon, California. Some of her past jobs were a waitress, dental assistant/hygienist, paraprofessional, librarian, and reading specialist. In high school Mrs. Novotny was a pretty good kid, the wildest thing she did was the senior ditch day and she got in trouble. She never got in trouble so it was definitely a new thing. Her favorite candy is Reese's Peanut Butter and her favorite restaurant is Taqueria Riverbank (authentic mexican food) The last thing, to keep her students engaged in lessons is to make things fun and relate it to their lives. We are very excited for Mrs. Novotny in her new position!

Introducing the New Writing Portfolio

BY: Kathy Vargas


This year we are implementing a new Writing Portfolio school-wide. I got the chance to interview Mrs. Stowell, the third grade teacher. She said, "It's a way to help build up students' writing and is a way to help them in college and understand better writing. Everyone K-12 is included in the portfolio, and all elementary K-6 have to put in 4 published articles. The expectation is for every grade level to publish 4 pieces of writing based off of their grade level standards.

I also got to interview Mr. Mchan and here is what he had to say. "Kids don't see the necessity of writing skills. We are trying to get kids to get their writing better because it's important to your everyday life even if it's P.E. Writing takes more time than talking and we want kids to look back and see their improvement when they write."

Our New 2nd Grade Teacher!



By: Aleigha Robertson

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Everyone is looking forward to what the Volleyball team is going to accomplish this season! This year's volleyball team has 23 girls and 10 of them are seniors. They are coached by Charley Astle, and assistant coaches are Denise Hanson, and Matigan Bingham. Some of the seniors have big goals for this year. Some seniors, like Jessika Power and Saige Hubert, are looking forward to making it to state this year, playing Richfield, going to Districts, and seeing how much the team improves. Coach Charley Astle is looking forward to many things; having a good and fun season and getting to watch the girls improve every day. Some of the expectations that she has for this year are having a successful season and that they are able to make it to the State Tournament. Good luck girls!

By: Morgan Denning

INTERVIEW WITH YOUR STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT!

BY: CARRISSA BERTHELSON

This month we get to recognize our Student Body President, Rylie Hoskisson! Rylie chose to be your Student Body President this year because she believes she is friends with everyone and she feels like she has a comfortable relationship with everyone at this school. She is also a very strong leader. Student councils' plans for this year are to have more lock-ins and more participation from everyone. They plan to enforce this by holding goals for the school to reach and motivating students to have the best time they can while at school. Some of Rylie's personal goals are to leave a strong foundation for next year's Student Body and help to make school a safe place for every student here. One thing that she would like to change about our school is being more prepared to carry plans out. We are very excited to see what Rylie will accomplish this year as your Student Body President!!

X-COUNTRY By: Corrd Wells

I had the opportunity to interview the Cross Country coach here at Dietrich High school. Dixie Dill has been the Cross Country coach for 23 years and has been striving to help others each and every day. Dixie said that her goal this year is to have everyone make it to the end of the year better than they did last year. She also wants the team to try and make it to state this year. Dixie is an amazing coach and loves her horses and is a respected person here in the School and Dietrich community. We are excited to see what the Cross Country team can accomplish this year!

Charley Astle: Health & PE Teacher

By: Dallin Churchill



Upon this day I have interviewed Mrs. Astle, our new Health and P.E. teacher. She grew up in Dietrich Idaho and graduated from Dietrich High School. Her favorite season is the summer because she loves the hot weather. In high school, she played both basketball and volleyball. She became a teacher because she loves the time off she gets in the summer and for holidays. She also said she became a teacher because she loves being around the students and helping/watching them grow and learn. Before she became a teacher she worked as a waitress and cook for the Eagles Nest, was a paraprofessional, and was a science teacher. Her favorite memory from high school was playing sports and winning 3 state championships in basketball. Her favorite candy is anything chocolate. Mrs. Astle's favorite restaurants are Chick-fil-A and Texas Roadhouse. The way she keeps her students engaged in lessons is by making Health and P.E. class as fun as possible and by getting input from the students to see what they would like to do or learn.



As a new season has started to begin, the Dietrich Swim Team is eager to get back in the water and get plenty of new personal records. With only one swimmer this year, swimmer Kaitlyn Denning is more determined than ever to make it to state in her 50 freestyle. Thanks to her coaches Mike Rainey, Danielle Lofgran, and Maurine Paul she is getting closer to her personal goal, along with her coaches goal for her. With the continued support of those around her and the Gooding Swim Team, this season is looking favorable.