White Swan Hosted First Ever League Debate Competition

This month, the White Swan Debate Team hosed a speech and debate competition on our campus. Five schools showed up, to include Eisenhower, Davis, Toppenish, Othello, and White Swan. The event took place across the entire campus in classrooms, with the library being the scoring room. A pizza dinner break happened at “halftime”, which was nice for our schools to build comradery and friendships.

White Swan students did us proud!

- Priscila Suarez—1st Place in Oratory Speaking
- Nikki Vargas — 3rd Place in Oratory Speaking
- Daniel Carrillo and Jason Grajales—2nd Place in Public Forum Debate
- White Swan HS took 2nd place as a team!
Pre-ACT
College Bound Cougars!

Sophomores took the Pre-ACT test this month. Our counseling department puts this event on as a way to give kids a chance to see what the ACT and SAT tests will be like. Most students will take the real ACT and SAT their junior year. These tests are used for college applications, scholarships, and can also be used to satisfy graduation requirements.
In other news:

1. Both the high school and middle school took benchmark #2 this week. We are using the Math Inventory and Reading Inventory to reassess student grade levels in reading and math. Scores will be compared to the September benchmark.

2. This month we celebrate Martin Luther King Day. A committee of teachers have put together daily messages that will be shared with students that celebrate good temperance and acceptance of others.

3. Our Building Leadership Team launched a new initiative called “6th period”. This is an extended school day for freshmen that are failing a class. The intervention is ran by certificated teachers. We have also hired upperclassmen to tutor and assist in the program. We are working very hard as a team on this intervention and hope to roll it up to the other classes down the road. We will rest when they ALL have red diplomas!

4. We have added flexibility to our gym use processes. This means our community programs now have more access to our facilities.