



Happy New Year!

Happy 2020! We hope you had a blessed holiday season and your new year is off to a great start! We are excited for the New Year and we have a lot of amazing things planned! The BSU ended 2019 on a high note and we would like to thank everyone who supported us by attending one of our meetings, donating to our Holiday Food Drive, attending our Kwanzaa Celebration or volunteering at the Oakland Food Bank on Christmas Eve!

FOOD BANK VOLUNTEERS – THANK YOU!



Volunteering at the Oakland Food Bank warehouse on Christmas Eve was a great way to spread some Christmas cheer this holiday season. The BSU had reserved 28 volunteer spaces with the food bank and put out the call to our greater St. Paul's community. On Christmas Eve, we had 30 volunteers show up, including students, teachers, siblings, parents, grandparents, and friends!

We unpacked and sorted 4,000 pounds of donated food, bagged over 8,300 pounds of red apples and 800 pounds of carrots. In total, we sorted over 13,000 pounds of food, which is equivalent to 11,000 meals for Bay Area families!

Our morning of service ended with a tour of the food bank facility, which provides more than just canned goods. They also provide fresh fruits, vegetables and meats, including fish. They are always in need of volunteers, especially during the summer months.

Our sincerest thanks to all of the volunteers who got up early on Christmas Eve to help make a difference in the lives of others. A special thanks to Ms. Toliver, SPES 1st grade teacher, Ms. Belkin, SPES 8th grade English teacher, and Mr. Hopkins, SPES 8th grade History teacher and BSU faculty advisor!



If you missed BSU's Kwanzaa Celebration on December 19th, you missed a fun event! We had a great time learning about the Seven Principles of Kwanzaa! Kwanzaa is an African American holiday celebration of family, community, and culture that culminates with a feast and gift giving. So in true Kwanzaa fashion, we celebrated community with a fun interactive game of Kwanzaa bingo that tested our knowledge of Kwanzaa and the BSU, followed by lunch and a raffle of great gift prizes! Thanks to all who attended!



December 19th was also the last day of our Holiday Food Drive. A heartfelt thank you to everyone in the lower and middle schools who donated!



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