

Schools band together for Carrie's Kids

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Century, St. Mary's, Bismarck and Mandan high schools unite. For one night, the rivalry will be put aside for the first Bismarck-Mandan all-cities music event.

The event will feature the best bands from each school, including the St. Mary's steel drum band, CHS trashcan band and others not yet determined.

Specialty bands like Gypsyfoot and FatDad may perform. An MC or comedian also is being looked into for the time between band transitions. The event will take place June 1 at the CHS gym.

The idea of having this music event was brought up at the city-wide student council meeting. The council was formed after students attended the statewide student council convention.



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Plans after graduation: I plan on attending NDSU in the fall.

What you like about journalism: Talking to such a variety of people, getting to know them and telling their stories.

What you learned writing the story: How great an impact students can have on other peoples' lives.

After the state convention, all councils were impressed with Fargo's service project called "Fill the Dome," which consisted of filling the Fargo dome with non-perishable food items for the homeless.

After seeing the impact this service project had, Bismarck and Mandan student councils wanted to create their own service project. So, they started meeting together once a week. Now that the date is

getting closer, they have been meeting twice a week.

"We decided that (we) needed to show that we can come together and it's not just a rivalry," MHS student council representative Sami Schaaf said.

Century thought up the idea of helping a charity called Carrie's Kids. This charity was started by Carrie Grosz in Bismarck to help homeless children overcome their education barriers. The council

decided on this charity because it targets students in the school system and gives students the opportunity to help other students.

Another student dreamed up a "battle of the bands" event. So, these two ideas were combined into an event that features music and supports a cause.

"The purpose is to bring all the students together and help charities and help kids in the Bismarck area," SMCHS student council representative Alex Peterson said. "I'm most excited to see all the schools come together to better the community."

Above all, the council is just excited to "change something."

"They always say students are the future, and I think we're the present, so we should do something about it," BHS student council representative Alaa Koleilat said.