

BHS CONNECTIONS

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*** IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES ***

May 25: Spring Concert @ 7PM
May 30: Make-up for Exams
May 31-June 14: Year End Studies Programs
June 1: 9th Grade Welcome Night @ 7PM
June 6: BHS Academic Awards
June 12: BHS Athletic Awards
June 15: Presentations of Learning Make-up Day
June 15: Graduation Rehearsal (8:30-10:30)
June 16: Graduation @ 10:00
June 19: Half-day for Grades 9-11

Year End Studies (YES) Schedule Starts May 31

8:00-9:15 Credit Recovery
9:30-11:30 YES AM Session
12:15-2:15 YES PM Session
2:30-3:30 Credit Recovery
June 14 @ 8:05 YES Presentations of Learning

BHS Academic Awards

The Burlington High School Academic Award Night is on **Tuesday, June 6, 2017 from 7:00-8:30** in the BHS auditorium. The Academic Awards Night is a special evening in the life of Burlington High School as we have a chance to honor many students who have demonstrated academic excellence and improvement.

BHS Athletic Awards

The BHS Athletic Awards Assembly is an annual event sponsored by the BHS Boosters. This year's celebration is **Monday, June 12th at 6:00pm** in the High School Cafeteria. The purpose of this event is for each Varsity Coach to recognize and celebrate the excellence and achievements among student-athletes who have received sport specific post-season honors. In addition, a few special athletic and leadership awards voted on by coaches are also presented.



9th Grade Welcome Night Our annual 9th Grade Welcome Night is Thursday, June 1st at 7pm. This event is for next year's 9th graders/parents/guardians. It is a chance to learn a little bit about the way we do things at BHS, ask questions, tour the building, and meet many staff members who work with 9th graders. Childcare for young children will be provided in the BHS Library. To help us plan for childcare, please let us know how many children you will be bringing. Please call 865-5329 and leave a message or email BHSAdvisory@bsdvt.org



Burlington High School Teacher Awarded Rowland Fellowship

Congratulations to Gretchen Muller, BHS Science Teacher and Year End Studies Co-coordinator, on receiving a Rowland Fellowship for the 2017-2018 school year. The Rowland Foundation provides Vermont secondary school educators with a unique professional development and leadership opportunity and the resources to positively affect student achievement and the culture and climate of their respective schools'. Gretchen will use next year to research how Burlington High School can create more flexible learning opportunities for students by creating a community partnership learning program. The focus behind this program will be to explore how we can provide real-world learning opportunities to help students discover or reaffirm interests while earning credit. This type of program will allow students to engage in meaningful community service learning projects, focused educational experiences such as internships, research projects, work-based learning, develop potential career opportunities and gain 'new world' skills. Gretchen recognizes the plethora of resources that are in the greater Burlington community and hopes to create relationships with community members, businesses and organizations to bring BHS into Burlington and to bring Burlington into BHS.



ATTENTION: SENIORS

Senior long-sleeve shirts and sweatshirts are available to purchase. Both items have the names of the graduating class on the back of the shirt (see link for image), as well as the traditional BHS Seahorse on the front. Shirts are \$15 and sweatshirts are \$25. There are smalls, mediums, larges and extra-larges. There is a limited amount. Please contact Ms. Dupuis (fdupuis@bsdvt.org) if you would like to purchase. https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B6i0-Fj3q0hnRzhXaERXzFKTWZmM1Z5NW5FMWMweEw4ajN3/view?usp=s_haring

BHS Seniors: Gmail accounts & Google Drives

Please be sure to transfer anything you might need from your school Gmail and Google account to a flash drive or to another personal account. **Your bsdvt account will be deleted at the end of June.**



Driver Ed Summer Session – Students who were selected for the Summer Session must attend a mandatory meeting on June 21st at 6:00pm in the BHS cafeteria. Students must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Advisory Update – This year’s advisory program has concluded, and we have started planning for next year. We need mentors! Current juniors can apply to be Advisory Mentors for next year’s 9th Grade and EL advisories. This is a great leadership opportunity for rising seniors who are interested in mentoring our newest students and building community in our school. Mentors have the option to earn service hours or a credit for the year. The application is simple and can be found on the school website or by contacting Advisory Coordinator Nadya Bech-Conger
bhsadvisory@bsdvt.org

The **International Club** presented about the power of student voice by sharing their **All are Welcome project at the 2017 Dynamic Landscapes conference**. Seniors Radhika Tamang, Abshiro Ibrahim, and Quynh Vo shared the journey of the All Are Welcome campaign with conference participants.



New Americans Scholarship

This scholarship will be awarded to foreign born Burlington High School students who are intending to enroll in an accredited undergraduate program after graduating from Burlington High School. Applicants must have attended Burlington High School for 2 or more years, participated in an extracurricular activity, and demonstrated a willingness to help and have an accepting attitude towards all people.

Application: Applicants will submit a typed essay of at least 300 words but no more than 750 words on what “All are Welcome” means to you. Submit this essay to the guidance department or to the BHS International Club. Please make sure that your school contact information is up to date. Recipients will receive notification of award prior to graduation via mail. Public acknowledgement of the award will be made at the Academic Awards night, June 6, 2017.
Application Deadline: May 30
Applications may be submitted in person to Ms. Blethen or electronically to sblethen@bsdvt.org

SLAM: Spoken Word Poetry @ Arts Riot
<https://www.facebook.com/events/428124014211693/?ti=as>

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HELP SUPPORT TEENS TO CELEBRATE SAFELY THIS SEASON

This is a season of milestones for youth. With spring, the end of the school year, prom, graduation, transitions to high school/college, and the overall excitement about summer come lots of opportunities to spend time with friends and family, celebrating accomplishments and future plans. While most teens will make healthy choices, youth and adults alike may think of these milestones as “rites of passage” that should include alcohol. The good news is that statistically three out of four BHS students choose not to drink alcohol (2015 Youth Risk Behavior Survey). It’s important for teens to know that underage drinking is not the norm. Praise your teens for the healthy choices they make, and reinforce how their choices affect their goals and future plans.



Don’t forget, parents remain the #1 reason for a teen’s choice not to drink or use drugs. Knowing the facts and planning celebrations without alcohol will make parenting easier this season. Some key

points to consider include:

- Be a source of reliable information.
- Be sure your teen knows your expectations and the consequences for engaging in underage drinking.
- Keep the focus on time with friends, and family.
- Celebrate traditions and consider creating some new ones too!
- Host alcohol free parties/events in your home
- Offer other alcohol free options for celebrating with friends

Learn more at www.parentupvt.org.



My Brother's/Sister's Keeper focuses on personal and social development. This group is building the foundation for student leadership and involvement for the district's Restorative Practices work. These meetings address issues concerning personal identity, social identity, school climate, equity, institutional racism, and developing a voice to make positive systemic change. The initial goal for this group was for the students to identify the concerns and behaviors taking place in the school and community as well as to develop and teach positive behaviors in the classroom/workplace.

The group will continue next year, focusing on these topics: Understanding the higher education process, learning about more employment and job readiness opportunities, focusing on cultural competencies and social justice, and understanding how students can be engaged citizens in their community and school.



Regular season ends this week. VPA pairings will be announced on Monday for B&G Tennis, B&G Lax and Baseball going to the playoffs.
Updates:[http://bhs.bsd.schoolfusion.us/modules/calendar/showCalendarMonth.phtml?=&oc_id\[\]=15390&sessionid=ae58c624c84cc996533f9030e1a52bcb](http://bhs.bsd.schoolfusion.us/modules/calendar/showCalendarMonth.phtml?=&oc_id[]=15390&sessionid=ae58c624c84cc996533f9030e1a52bcb)

BHS & BURLINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT ART PROJECT



----- KUDOS TO THE BHS REGISTER -----



The Register, Burlington High School's student publication, has been named first place All-New England print/online newspaper by the New England Scholastic Press Association. The award was presented at the 69th annual spring conference at Boston University's College of Communications on Friday, May 5. The honor was presented for the Class II school size of 700-999 students. The organization's annual publication competition draws hundreds of entries from around New England. The judging panel consisted of Boston University journalism professors and experienced scholastic media advisers. Register staff took home a dozen total awards at the Boston event. The paper received a highest achievement award in addition to the All-New England honor; Staff members were recognized with 10 special achievement awards in the regional contest for individual work; Senior Editor Jake Bucci received awards for website design and news photography for a photo from Sen. Leahy's visit to the high school this fall; Staff Writer Lucy Govoni was recognized in the profile writing category for "[Sophomore Growing Parkour Community](#);" Videographer Maia Vota received an award for a piece she produced on [BHS students who participated in the Women's March on Washington](#); Staff Writer Cerella Farinholt and Senior Editor Alexandre Silberman won a special section award for "[Into the Archives: a Look at the Register's Historic Past](#);" Silberman was recognized for two news writing stories; "[Contract Negotiations Final](#)

Session," and "[Board Passes \\$74M Budget, Seeks Bond](#)." He also earned a video award for "[Burlington Rallies for Syrian Refugees](#)," a feature story award for "[Problems of the Auditorium Study Hall](#)," and feature photo award for an image that accompanied the article "[Dress Code Incident](#)." awards won at Castleton Journalism Fest:

- Best overall newspaper
- Best overall website (bhsregister.com)
- First place hard news: Emma Chaffee for "South Burlington Drops Rebel Name?"
- Second place hard news: Alexandre Silberman for "Too Young To Smoke?"
- Third place hard news: Lucy Govoni for "Burlington Mall Debated."
- First place feature writing: Theo Davis for "Transgender Students Seek Name Recognition."
- Third place feature writing: Cerella Farinholt for "Library Takes New Direction."
- First place opinion writing: Alexandre Silberman for "BHS Admin: Stop Censorship."
- Second place documentary video: Maia Vota for "BHS Students Participate in Women's March."
- Third place documentary video: Maia Vota for: "BHS Students React to Trump."