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Upcoming Dates at BHS
Wednesday 10/11 PSAT/PACT
Thursday 10/19 Early release day—
Parent Conferences 3-7:30pm
Friday 10/20 No School—Parent
Conferences 7:30-11:00am
Monday 10/23 About Brown Girl
Dreaming 6pm BHS Auditorium
Thursday 10/26 Fall Preview Concert
7pm BHS Auditorium

BHS MUSICIANS TAKE TOP SPOTS AT DISTRICT FESTIVAL !!!

Trumpet players Nathan Arre and Ethan Vincent were both accepted into the Wind Ensemble for the Champlain Valley District Festival.

Flutists Talia Battaile and Summer Grace both took the top spots in the Concert Band. Along with them, Seamus Stein will also be performing on clarinet in the Concert Band.

If you see these folks around, be sure to congratulate them on their hard work and dedication towards music!



MEMORIAL FOR CHRISTIAN KIBABU

Burlington Students and Families:
On Thursday, October 19, BHS students will be hosting a memorial for Christian Kibabu at 12:15 pm in the auditorium.
All are welcome to join us.



COUNSELOR OF THE WEEK TONY SETTEL

Hello! I am a new arrival to the School Guidance and Counseling department here at Burlington High School. I spent the last two years as the Director of Guidance at Winooski High School.

Prior to my arrival in Vermont, I was a school counselor and Media Arts teacher in the New York City for 15 years. I have also worked as a chef, EMT, accountant and actor.

My wife, son and I moved to Vermont during the summer of 2014. We are thrilled to live in such a beautiful location and take advantage of the many opportunities to enjoy the outdoors - bicycling, hiking, swimming and skiing. I especially love bicycle riding and consider a 9-hour ride to be a great way to spend a day. We love going to the farmers markets and local farms for the delicious, natural food Vermont is famous for. Please stop by my office to say hello.



PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES OCTOBER 19TH AND 20TH

Parent Teacher conferences will be held at BHS on Thursday October 19th from 3pm to 7:30pm, and Friday October 20th from 7:30am to 11:00am. Advisors will be reaching out with reminders. Thursday October 19th will be an early release day at noon for BHS Students, and there will be no school for BHS students on Friday October 20. Please plan accordingly.

ACT COLLEGE ENTRANCE TEST SCORES

Students at Burlington High School performed well on the ACT college entrance tests. "The ACT® test is the nation's most popular college entrance exam accepted and valued by all universities and colleges in the United States." Our cohort of students taking the ACT in the 2016-2017 school year outperformed their BHS peers over the past four years in all areas (English, Mathematics, Reading and Science). Additionally, they outperformed their peers statewide in the all areas! Go Seahorses!!!!

PSAT / PRE-ACT INFO

As part of our support for students becoming college-ready, we offer practice college admissions tests for 10th graders (the Pre-ACT) and for 11th graders (the PSAT). This year the national school testing date is Wednesday, October 11 and both of these exams will be administered at BHS beginning @ 8:05 that morning. Practice PSAT booklets were distributed in Advisory with further information available @

<https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt-psat-10/practice>

There is no practice test booklet for the Pre-ACT but students and parents can find out more information @

https://www.act.org/content/dam/act/unsecured/documents/PreACT_WhyTake.pdf

Please note should bring a calculator to each test. They will not be allowed to use a calculator from an iPhone, iPad, or other outside technology.

ADVISORY

In October, advisories are starting each week working on their Personal Learning Plans (PLPs). The PLP work about setting goals, reflecting on progress toward those goals, and planning for life after high school.

The rest of the time in advisory is dedicated to 1:1 check-ins, relationship and community building. Each grade also has a community meeting each month, in which students come together as a class and practice the skills of participating in public discourse. Each 10th grade advisory is responsible for planning and running a community meeting - last week the Hill advisory hosted our first.

Wednesday, October 11, 2017- White Day
10th and 11th Grade PSAT & Pre-ACT Testing

7:30 - 8:00 Breakfast is available in the cafeteria

7:50 All 10th and 11th grade students report to school

8:05- 11:25 10th and 11th grade PSAT & Pre-ACT Testing

See testing rooms posting on the windows near main office for your location

11:30 - 12:30 Lunch is available in the cafeteria - Grab 'N Go Style!

All grades report for afternoon classes (35 min ea.):

12:30 - 1:05 Block 3

1:10- 1:45 Block 4

1:50 - 2:25 Block 1

2:30- 3:05 Block 2

All grades start classes at 12:30.

BTC afternoon students should attend afternoon BTC classes until 1:45.

Grade 12 students with BTC morning classes should attend those classes as usual.



YES UTAH TRIP INFO

There will be an informational meeting for the YES Utah Trip to Best Friends Animal Sanctuary and the National Parks on Tuesday 10/17 at 3:10 in Room D206. This trip is for grades 10—12. If you are interested on this trip, but can't attend this meeting, please see Mrs. Colburn in D204 as soon as possible. Space is limited.

NEW PARTNERSHIPS

We are working with the UVM College of Education and Social Services Department on a Youth Action Participatory Research Project with Student Voice as the focus. Students, ZhouLin Golden and Alexandra Contreras-Montesano are working on the start up of this with faculty from UVM and school administration, It will help with moving our student handbook into having a more restorative tone. The work is just beginning. Restorative practices are integral to the community that we are fostering at our school.

THIS WEEKS HOME ATHLETIC EVENTS

10/11 4:00 pm GJV Soccer v. Essex
10/11 6:00 pm GV Soccer v. Essex
10/12 3:45 pm V/JV FieldHockey v. SB
10/13 4:00 pm BJV Soccer v. BFA
10/13 4:00 pm BV Soccer v. BFA
10/13 7:00 pm VFB v. Middlebury
10/14 8:00 am—12:00 pm Youth Football
10/16 6:00pm JVFB v. Milton
10/17 4:30pm BVB v. CVU
10/19 4:30pm JV FieldHockey v. MMU
10/19 6:00pm V FieldHockey v. MMU
10/20 4:30pm BVB v. SB
10/20 7:00pm VFB v. Rutland

A FEW REMINDERS FROM GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

- UVM Early Action is November 1st. Please meet with your counselor
- Champlain College Fair is Friday November 3 from 3-6PM

SPIRIT WEEK, PEP RALLY, PARADE, AND HARVEST DANCE

Don't forget—This week is Spirit Week the Remix!!!

Monday 10/9—Pajama Day

Tuesday 10/10—Sports Team Jersey Day

Wednesday 10/11—Decade Day

Thursday 10/12—Class Color (9th: green, 10th: purple, 11th: red, 12th: black)

Friday 10/13—Super Fan Day

Pep Rally Friday 10/13 @ 1PM / BHS Gym

Parade & Tailgating Friday 10/13 @ 5:30 PM / Battery Park/BHS

BHS / Middlebury Football Game 10/13 @ 7PM

Harvest Dance 10/14 8-11PM BHS Gym. Tickets are \$5 and are on sale in the cafeteria this week

PARENT COFFEES

Please join us on the following mornings for coffee and conversation with Principal Racicot. These meetings will take place from 7:30—8:30am in the BTC Aviation Room and are open to all.

October 27

December 1

January 19

February 23

March 23

April 20

May 25



2018-19 NSLI-Y APPLICATION IS OPEN

Interested in studying abroad during high school? Check out these full scholarships to learn critical languages and experience cultural immersion for the summer (6 week programs) and full academic year. Applications are now available from NSLI-Y, YES Abroad, and CBYX -- and deadlines are approaching. A number of BHS students have been awarded these scholarships - you could too!

[NSLI-Y](#) application deadline: November 2, 2017 at 4pm ET

[YES Abroad](#) application deadline: December 5, 2017 at 11:59pm PT

[CBYX](#) application deadline: December 12, 2017 at 11:59pm PT

NEUROSCIENCE CLUB

The Health Sciences Academy at Burlington Technical Center (BTC) will be hosting a Neuroscience Club on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month. The meetings will be held from 8:00-8:50am and will be open to any interested BHS or BTC student. The first meeting will take place on Wednesday, October 18th and will be held in F304. Graduate students from UVM's Neuroscience Program have offered to help out with the Neuroscience Club, as their schedules allow.

The primary purpose of the Neuroscience Club will be to prepare students to compete at the Vermont Brain Bee (VBB). The VBB is a state-wide competition for high school students who are interested in neuroscience and the functioning of the brain. It is held at the University of Vermont in February of each year. The winner of the state competition goes on to compete at the National Brain Bee in Baltimore, MD in March (during Brain Awareness Week).

Former BHS/BTC student, Eliza Kissam, was the 2016 Vermont Brain Bee winner and went on to compete at nationals.

Please contact Wendy King, at 864-8426, extension 12119, if you have any questions.



MY BROTHER'S KEEPER PATHWAYS TO COLLEGE AND CAREER FAIR

We are thrilled to inform you that CEDO is proud to partner with Champlain College to bring you the Pathways to College and Career Fair on November 3rd, 3:00 to 6:00pm at Champlain College! In keeping with the goals of My Brother's Keeper, this fair is designed to minimize barriers and improve opportunities for all youth to education and career success. Participants will be able to connect with local colleges and tech centers as well as have the option of signing up for informational workshops "Paying for College" and "Admissions Process: What You Need to Know." This is a free event!

Date: November 3, 2017

Time: 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Workshops: 3:15 PM - 4:00 PM and 5:15 - 6:00 PM

Address: 375 Maple Street, Burlington VT.

To register, go to CEDO's Facebook page or go here: <http://tinyurl.com/yao8pggc>.

UNIFIED BOWLING PROGRAM

The Unified Bowling Program will begin Wednesday, October 25. All are welcome. We will leave from school by 3:30 most Wednesdays through May, and bowl at Spare Time lanes in Colchester. Unified Sports bring together students of all abilities to learn from each other, grow together, and have fun. Please contact mleonard@bsdvt.org or mgreer@bsdvt.org for more information and permission slips. An informational meeting will follow in the coming weeks.



UNITED STATES SENATE YOUTH PROGRAM APPLICATION

The United States Senate Youth Program application deadline is Friday October 13, 2017 at 4:00 pm. This is important for our juniors and seniors! The United States Senate Youth Program presents an outstanding opportunity for our best and brightest high school juniors and seniors. Leadership, academic achievement, clear speech and logical thought process, and community involvement are the desired qualities set forth by the Hearst Foundation. The United States Senate Youth Program, established in 1962 by U.S. Senate Resolution, is a unique educational experience for outstanding high school students interested in pursuing careers in public service. The 54th annual program will be held in Washington, D.C., from March 3 – 10, 2018. Two student leaders from each state, the District of Columbia and the Department of Defense Education Activity will spend a week in Washington experiencing their national government in action. Student delegates will hear major policy addresses by Senators, cabinet members, officials from the Departments of State and Defense and directors of other federal agencies, as well as participate in a meeting with a Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court. All transportation, hotel and meal expenses will be provided by The Hearst Foundations. In addition, each delegate will also be awarded a \$10,000 College Scholarship for undergraduate studies, with encouragement to pursue coursework in history and political science. For more information please go to <http://ussenateyouth.org/>

BHS SOCIAL JUSTICE UNION (SJU)

At BHS we are excited for a new student led group starting at our school this semester. Students Balkisa Abdikadir, Hawa Adam and Binti Malawia are taking the lead in the creation of the BHS Social Justice Union (SJU). In their words, the SJU “is being formed to address injustices (racism, sexism, homophobia, transphobia, ableism, xenophobia, classism) in our school and our broader community.” This is a strong and dynamic group of students that plans to support discussions, presentations, screenings of documentaries and films, and to educate and create dialogue and engage in activism. The faculty advisor is new BHS counselor, Tony Settel. We look forward to supporting this dynamic group!!

BHS STUDENT SEMIFINALIST

We have been notified by the National Merit Scholarship Program, that senior, Mary Markley, has been named as a Semifinalist. She is one of 16,000 students nationwide out of over 1.6 million students who entered by taking the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT). Additionally, commended students are Daniel Halladay and Teagan Hart. They are among the top 50,000 students recognized for academic achievement. National Merit Scholarship Program is an annual academic competition for the recognition and scholarship open to U.S. high school students. Burlington High School is administering the PSAT/NMSQTs on Wednesday October 11th to all 10th and 11th Grade students are expected to test on this morning. Testing will start at 8:05 AM. All other students will have classes starting at 12:30PM on this day. Breakfast and lunch will be served. Please check our website for details. <http://bhs.bsdyt.org/category/updates-and-reminders/>