

BURLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL

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Upcoming Dates at BHS
Thursday 10/26 Fall Preview Concert
7pm BHS Auditorium
Saturday 10/28 Scholars Bowl
Halloween Tournament 10am @
Hanover
Monday 10/30 Math League Meet
3:30pm @ CVU
Tuesday 10/31 Alpine Organizational
Meeting 3:15pm BHS Cafeteria

FINAL TERM GRADES INFORMATION

Please remember report cards are not mailed home at the end of each quarter. For final term grades, please log on to your PowerSchool account. Q1 grades will be available early next week. If you need help with your account, please contact Heather Sienkiewicz by phone at [802-864-8414](tel:802-864-8414) or by email at hsienkie@bsdt.org.

UPCOMING WINTER SPORTS ORGANIZATIONAL MEETINGS

Alpine organizational meeting: 3:15pm
Tuesday, 10/31 in BHS cafeteria

Boys and Girls Basketball organizational
meeting: 3:30 pm Wednesday, 11/1 in BHS
cafeteria

JAPANESE EXCHANGE STUDENTS

Next week we will have Japanese Exchange students from Totorri, Japan visiting our school! The students will be staying with host families from October 28 to November 6th. Japanese students will be shadowing BHS students for full days on Wednesday and Friday. Contact Mr. Yu myu@bsdt.org for questions



PARENT COFFEE REMINDER

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



Our first Parent Coffee This Friday 10/27 will feature BHS Re-envisioning of facilities with steering committee member, Kate Stein !

IMPORTANT UPDATES TO THE 2017-18 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR

The Superintendent's Office has made the following changes to the SY 17-18 District Calendar to account for student days lost during the work stoppage in September. These school days are being made up in March rather than June to allow for greater instructional value and to prevent extending the school year.

- School will be in session on Tuesday, March 6 (Town Meeting Day), ending spring break one day earlier for students. Teacher in-service will no longer take place that day.
- Thursday, March 22 will now be a full day of school. It was originally scheduled for a half-day followed by parent/teacher conferences.
- Friday, March 23 will now be a half-day of school for students followed by parent/teacher conferences. It was originally scheduled as a “no school” day in the District and a full day of conferences.

There will be added time made available for spring parent/teacher conferences to accommodate this modified District calendar. This will happen on a school by school basis.

The tentative last day of school remains Wednesday, June 13th as originally planned, subject to change if there are snow days this winter. Any snow days that occur will be made up in June.

BHS Graduation will still take place on Thursday, June 14th at 10 AM and will not change.

SENIORS — EARLY ACTION DEADLINE

The November 1st Early Action deadline is fast approaching !!!

Please make sure you complete your essays and get your letter of recommendations from teachers.

Please have everything complete by Oct 30th, so that counselors can review and send everything before the deadline.

To Do:

- 1) Make sure you are matched on Naviance
- 2) Make sure you complete essay—contact Guidance if you need help with Naviance
- 3) Make sure teachers have submitted letters of recommendation
- 4) Review and submit application on Common Application

COUNSELOR OF THE WEEK SIMRAT PELTIER

We welcome Simrat Peltier to our guidance team this year! Ms. Peltier comes to Burlington High School with a Bachelor degree from Ithaca College in Communication Management and Design and a Master of Science degree from the University of Vermont in School Counseling and Clinical Mental Health. Before working at BHS, she was employed as a school counselor at Enosburgh Falls High School, and Student Services Specialist at the University of Vermont. Her responsibilities have included, counseling students regarding personal, social, academic and post-secondary planning, case management, and consultation. She has supported a large population of students with a trauma background, including poverty, addiction, and abuse. Working with staff in her previous position, they were able to bring more sensitivity and restorative practices to the way that classroom behavioral challenges and discipline are addressed. She initiated restorative circles to promote a tolerant climate and student-to-student relations. She has had many experiences supporting first generation college students.

She exceeds in collaborating with students and teachers to develop academic goals, teach skills, and problem-solve to help students reach their potential. We look forward to her contributing with her leadership skills on a variety of school-wide initiatives such as Personal Learning Plans, advisory, our discipline and behavior system, and other initiatives to meet student needs.

Outside of school, Ms. Peltier enjoys spending time with her young family, hiking with her dog throughout Vermont, exploring new places, biking, and coming up with new recipes. This year she hopes to be available to students and families, and to develop collaborative working relationships with teachers.

We are pleased to welcome Ms. Peltier and all the skills and strengths that she brings to our school community.



MATH LEAGUE DATES

Upcoming Math League meets are as follows:

***please note all meets begin at 3:30pm**

Oct 30, 2017 - @ CVU

Dec 5, 2017 - @ Rice

Jan 4, 2018 - @ Colchester

Feb 5, 2018 - @ U-32

Mar 21, 2018 - @ MMU

PROFICIENCY PRESENTATION NIGHT

Short presentations about how college admissions office will be adjusting to proficiency grading practices. Hear from Clarkson University, UVM, St. Michael's College, Castleton State University, and Norwich.

October 26th from 6:30—7:30 at BFA Saint Albans Performing Arts Center

FALL PREVIEW CONCERT 10/26 AT 7PM

Fall Preview Concert at BHS is this Thursday at 7:00PM in the Theater. The following ensembles will be performing:

Concert Band
Freshman Band
Wind Ensemble
String Orchestra
Symphonic Orchestra
Concert Choir
Senior Choir
Vermont Voices

There will be selections from Bartok, Sousa and Rachmaninoff and many others! This will also be the first concert for our new Instrumental teachers, Clayton Hamilton and Kathleen Kono!

Please come out and support over 275 students at BHS who are participating in music ensembles!



SCHOLARS BOWL DATES

BHS PHONE NUMBERS

Upcoming Scholars Bowl Dates are as follows:

10/28, Halloween Tournament at Hanover, 10 am

11/10, Vermont-NEA Regional at BHS, 4 pm

11/11, Middle School Tournament at BHS, 10 am

12/1, Pre-Holiday Tournament at Essex, 3:45 pm

1/5, Vermont-NEA Regional at CVU, 4 pm

1/27, State playoffs at Montpelier, 10:30 am

3/9, NAQT States at site TBA, 4 pm

3/24, State finals at UVM, 10 am

BHS has moved over to a new phone system. When you are calling the main number (802) 864-8411, please be sure to listen to the prompts to ensure you are reaching the correct area:

Press 1 to reach the Main Office

Press 2 to reach Attendance

Press 3 to reach Guidance

Press 4 to reach Athletic Office

Extension 22981 for the Nurse/Health Office

BHS Fax # 802-864-8408

SENIOR PORTRAIT INFORMATION

OREAD Senior Portraits

DUE DATE

Class of 2018 Senior portraits are due by Friday, December 1, 2017.

STYLE

It is up to the senior how they "wished to be remembered" (so long as it is not offensive to others). However, the typical photograph is a 2/3 headshot. Portraits may be color or black/white.

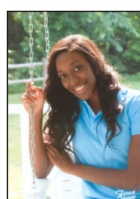
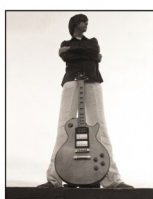
FORMAT

We prefer high resolution digital format (minimum resolution of 300).

SUBMITTING PHOTOS

Please label the file as the student wishes their name to appear in the book (Smith, Joe P.jpg). Senior Portraits can be email to Mrs. Skoglund at cskoglund@bsdvt.org -or- dropped off in the BHS Main Office -or- mailed to:

Colby Skoglund, OREAD Advisor
c/o BHS
52 Institute Road
Burlington, VT 05408



ADVISORY

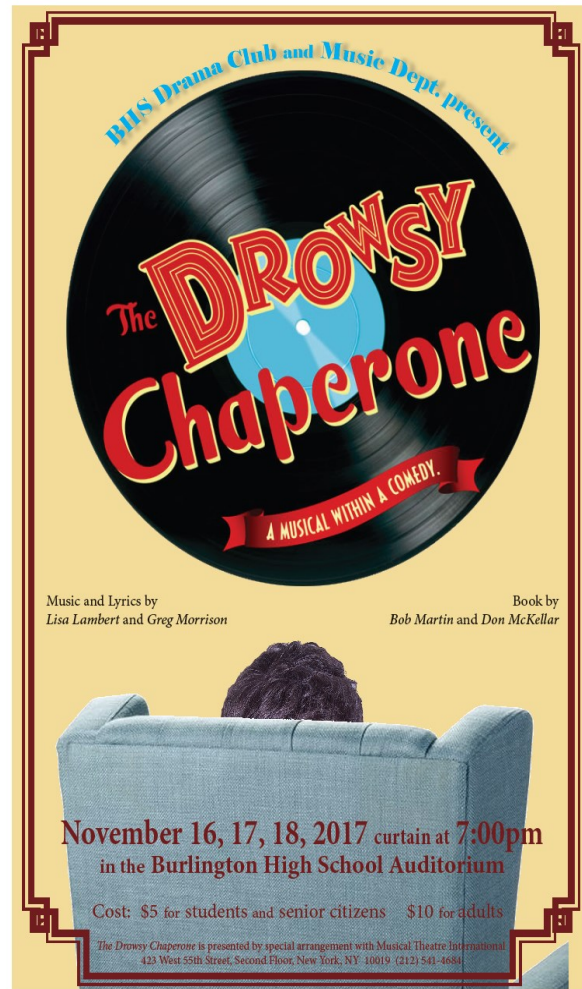
During last week's teacher conferences, many parents and guardians came to check in with their advisor. Part of the purpose of our advisory program is to provide each family with a 'point person' at school for their student. As one advisory put it, "the advisor is the person whose job and whose joy it is to cultivate a relationship with each person in their advisory". The other main goals of advisory are to:

- to build community across the school
- to support students in developing a strong PLP that will set them up for achieving their post-high school plans
- to provide a place for students to practice expressing their views about issues that affect them and our community.

Each of the advisory activities are specifically designed with these goals in mind.

For more information on advisory, contact the Advisory Coordinator, Nadya Bech-Conger nbech@bsdvt.org.

For more info on PLPs, contact the PLP Coordinator, Gayle Botelho, gbotelho@bsdvt.org.



U.S. PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARS PROGRAM 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR

The [U.S. Presidential Scholars Program](#) recognizes and honors high school seniors who demonstrate outstanding scholarship. This year, Secretary Holcombe will be nominating twenty outstanding students from the state of Vermont - ten female and ten male - based on recommendations and applications from participating schools.

- All high school seniors graduating between January and June of 2018 who are U.S. citizens or legal permanent residents and who attend public, parochial, or independent schools, as well as those who are home-schooled, are eligible.
- Students are invited to nominate themselves with a principal, teacher, guidance counselor, or parent (in the case of home school) endorsement.

Complete the [Nomination Form](#) online.

<http://education.vermont.gov/documents/us-presidential-scholar-program-announcement>

DEADLINE FOR NOMINATION: November 10, 2017

NEW AT BTC-BTC/BHS EL SUPPORT LAB

Burlington Technical Center (BTC) has added a new EL Support Lab to provide assistance to BHS EL students in their programs. Kim Fankhauser, BTC EL Coordinator, provides classroom assistance within each program and facilitates the BHS/BTC EL support lab. This year at BTC, there are nine BHS EL / monitored EL students in the Auto Body and Automotive Technology programs (with 30 EL students overall in the 12 BTC programs). As BTC finishes this first quarter, Kim is happy to report that all nine students are going strong and are up to date with their safety prevention training. Definitely something to celebrate!



BHS/BTC EL Support Lab (offered daily to BHS/BTC EL students)

Automotive Technology EL students learning how to use a floor jack with teacher Bob Church



End of first quarter celebration

HALLOWEEN TREATS MADE BY BURLINGTON TECHNICAL CENTER CULINARY ARTS STUDENTS

BTC Culinary Arts Students are offering a variety of Halloween baked goods for sale to BSD staff and the community. We will be taking orders from Friday, October 20th, until Friday, October 27th. Pick-up of orders will be on Monday, October 30th and Tuesday, October 31st starting at 2:30 pm until 3:30 pm. Please contact us if you would like to request a different pick-up time. You will receive a confirmation of your order automatically. If you do not, please contact Cheryl Niedzwiecki, cniedzwi@bsdvt.org. We hope you have a spooktacular Halloween!

To fill out the online order form, please follow the link below:

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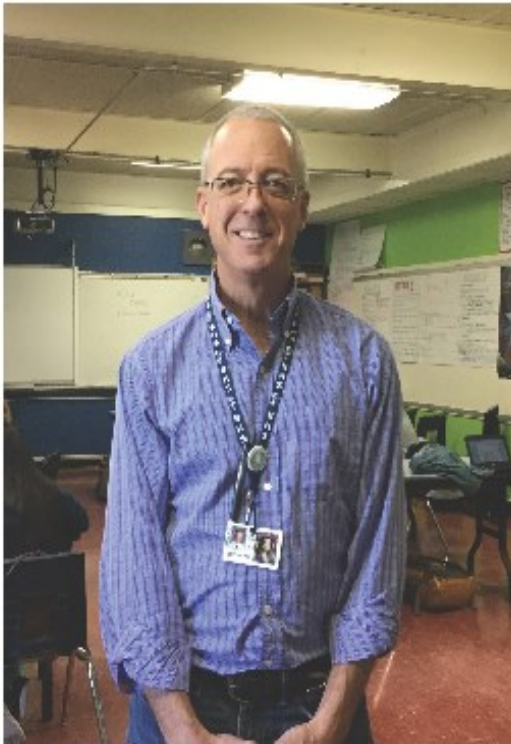
CHAMPLAIN CAFE OF BTC DIA DE LOS MUERTOS MENU, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27TH

This week our theme is Dia de los Muertos, the celebration of Day of the Dead as celebrated in Mexico. We are observing this holiday early as the actual dates this year are October 31st until November 2nd. The BTC Culinary Arts students are very excited to offer this menu to you on Friday, October 27th. We will be open for full service as well as take out meals.

To fill out the online order form, please follow the link below:

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Meet Brian Williams!

Position: Burlington High School English Teacher

Fun fact: I was a Peace Corps volunteer in Kenya

Schools attended: Middlebury College and UVM

Interests: Anything to do with being outdoors. Reading, writing, art, film, community

Favorite quote: "This isn't a dress rehearsal."

Influences/mentors: Mr. Harmon, my middle school music teacher who taught me how to think about ideas.

Anything ELSE you would like to share: One world is enough for all of us.



Meet Jane Donahue Davis!

Position: Assistant Director of Adult Education & Work Based Learning

Fun fact: I have an identical twin

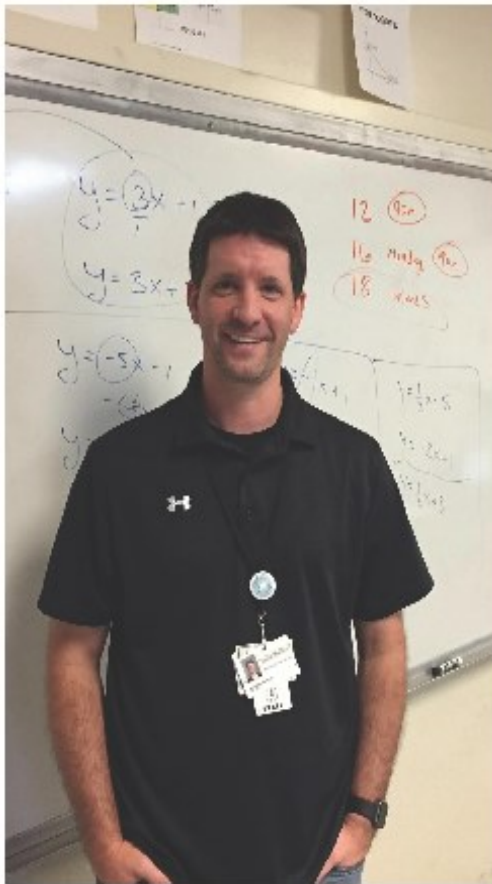
Schools attended: Norwich University & St. Michael's College

Interests: reading, running, swimming, bicycling, volunteering

Favorite quote: We make a living by what we get, we make a life by what we give. Sir Winston Churchill

Influences/mentors: My mom and dad and the children of Camp TKT

Anything ELSE you would like to share: We can't avoid challenges, but our responses can make or break us. Hug your loved ones every day.



Meet Mike Havens!

Position: Burlington High School and Horizons Math Teacher

Fun fact: I was a professional poker player for 2 years.

Schools attended: Castleton University

Interests: Football, Bowling, Pinball

Favorite quote: "We're going to turn this team around 360 degrees" -Jason Kid

Influences/mentors: Mom, and all the great teachers I had in high school

Anything ELSE you would like to share: I don't like to talk about doing things, I just want to do them.

Not sure where to start after High School?
**Pathways to College and Career Fair is right
for you!**



Friday, November 3, 2017 @ 3:00PM – 6:00PM

Champlain College

Center for Communications and Creative Media Building-
Champlain Room * 375 Maple Street, Burlington VT

- *Get Informed on the Admissions and Financial Aid Process!*
- *Learn about Scholarship Opportunities available to Vermonters!*
- *Meet Awesome College and Career representatives who are looking for great people like You!*

Free Event and Open to the Public

To register for the fair or workshop visit CEDO's Facebook event

<https://tinyurl.com/yao8pggc>



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BURLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS YARD SIGNS

Have you seen the signs, like the one below, popping up all over town?



In an attempt to get more people to join in the great events that take place at BHS, we have created a Seahorse sign for different sports/activities that are taking place at the high school.

When you see a sign up you know that one of the BHS teams is playing that day.

- Go to the BHS website at www.bhs.bsdt.org,
- Click on the top bar that says athletics,
- and you'll know who, where and when they are playing.
- come see a great game and support our student/athletes!!

A big thank you to the Seahorse Pride Committee (formerly Boosters) who support this effort.

Signs are on sale for only \$5.

If you're interested in owning one and taking part in Seahorse Pride,

please contact Tammy Kuypers at Kuypers5@yahoo.com

Get Your Basketball One Today!!! Then You'll be Ready For The First Game!

***If you have a team in mind that you would like to create signs for, please email me at the above email address! The more teams we can represent the better!! ***

GO SEAHORSES!!

BHS BOOSTERS is now BHS SEAHORSEPRIDE

SEAHORSEPRIDE: BHS Parent Volunteer Organization
Supporting BHS Students in Arts, Academics and Athletics

NOVEMBER IS A GREAT MONTH TO VOLUNTEER AT BHS!

All Are Welcome To Volunteer in Any Way!

Email us, let us know how you would like to help out BHS:
seahorsepride@gmail.com

Help with DIV 1 PLAY OFFS NOW thru NOV 4TH

Snack Shack Help Friday Night!

Cnt: Jennifer Woods

email: jenniferwoods173@gmail.com

Help with Athletic Team Yard Signs

Tammy Kuypers

contact: kuypers5@yahoo.com

Help with Daily School Support/Fall Concert Support

Cnt: Clare Wool

email: clarewool@me.com

Help with Student Leadership & Social Media

Cnt: Deirdre Donovan

email: donovanmitchell5@gmail.com

Help with Sponsorship/Advertising

Cnt: Chris Hood

email: chood@cssu.org

