

BURLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL

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Upcoming Dates at BHS
Wednesday 12/6 Racing Extinction
documentary/bake sale 6pm BHS
Saturday 12/9 DECA Spaghetti
Dinner 5pm BHS Cafeteria
Friday 1/5 Quarter 2 Ends
Monday 1/8 Quarter 3 Begins
Tuesday 1/16 Inservice—No school
for students

WHAT'S UP ON JANUARY 5, 2018 ??

Students will come back from December/January break on Wednesday January 3, 2018. Students are all expected to attend on Wednesday and Thursday January 3 and 4. Quarter two (end of Semester 1) ends on Friday, January 5, 2018. This will be a "credit recovery day." This day is scheduled to give "hurdle help" to students to succeed in their first quarter.

Friday 1/5/18 will be an invitation only day for students to:

- make up work and/or assessments
- demonstrate proficiency
- get extra help
- work with teachers to successfully complete 1st semester (or get closer to success).

Students will be invited by teachers to attend on January 5. If you feel your student would benefit, please contact their teacher in advance of December 22. Students will check-in in the lobby and be given their assigned location(s) for the day. Check in is at 8AM and is required for all students who have been invited by teachers. Teachers will inform students in advance and reminder phone calls will go home. Let students know they cannot just show up. Please help us use this as a motivator for students to finish work in advance of the end of the Quarter on January 5, 2018!

BHS CLOTHES CLOSET

Do you know that BHS has a Clothes Closet for students? Now that winter is here, we are in need of gently used coats, hats, gloves, scarves, and boots that are appropriate for high school students. If you would like to donate anything, please leave them in the main office indicating they're for Lisa Sitek. The National Honor Society manages the Clothes Closet and appreciates any donations you're able to give.

LOOKING FOR ALL ARE WELCOME ITEMS?

The BHS International Club has All are Welcome pins, key chains, t-shirts, and magnets for sale.



Email: [Susan Blethen](mailto:Susan.Blethen)

SUPPORT CENTER STAFF OF THE WEEK

ASH HOYT

This is Ash Hoyt's 2nd year as a Seahorse! She was recently promoted to the Seahorse Support Center Coordinator and is thoroughly enjoying it. Ash is originally from Hopkinton, Massachusetts where she always knew she wanted to work in a school. In addition to playing soccer all year around and discovering her love of art and ceramics, Ash was never bored growing up as she is 1 of 4 girls and there was always someone to play with.

Before working at Burlington High School, Ash graduated from UVM in 2015 with a degree in Political Science and Women's Studies. While at UVM, Ash truly fell in love with Burlington and all it has to offer. Upon graduation, she was inducted into Triota, UVM's chapter of the National Women's Studies Honor Society, and now runs the after school Gender Sexuality Alliance in conjunction with Rock Point School.

Today, Ash loves amateur cooking and baking, live music, and connecting with the students at BHS. She is a firm believer that kids do well when they can and every day feels inspired by the various students she meets and stories she hears. Ash hopes to continue supporting both students and teachers through relationship building and restorative efforts and if you have yet to meet her, please stop by the Seahorse Support Center to say hi!

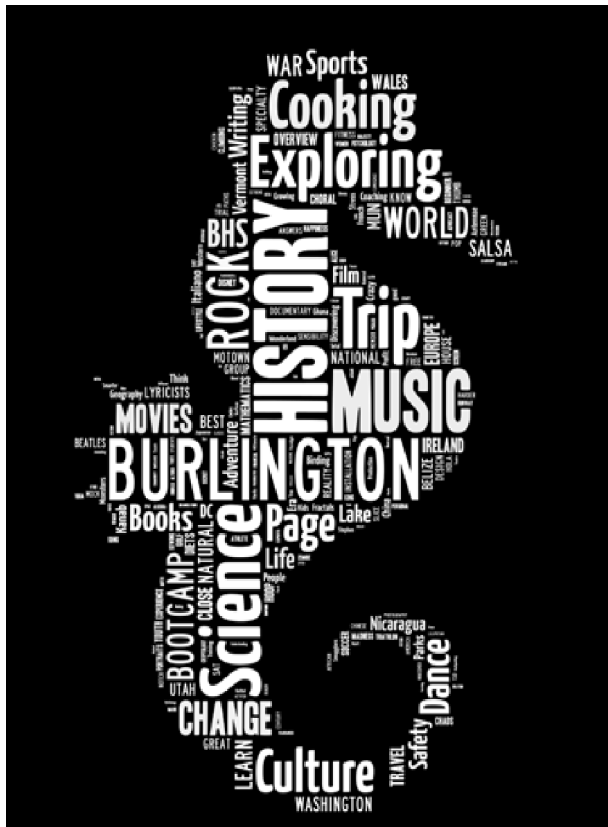


Ash and her mom!



YEAR END STUDIES SESSION

This week the Year End Studies (Y.E.S.) 2018 course book was posted on our website. Students will be reading course descriptions, mapping out the classes they are interested in taking, and completing an online registration form. Registration will be open until midnight on Fri., Dec. 8th. Please go to "Year End Studies Program" under the Guidance tab to view course descriptions and to access the registration link. The Y.E.S. session will start on Wed., May 30th, 2018 and conclude on Wed., June 13th, 2018. Students will either take one full-day class or two half-day classes during this 10-day session. Please read more about our Y.E.S. session by clicking on this [link](#).



**TODAYS CJC MEETING
CANCELLED**

From the Burlington Community Justice Center: the CJC has decided to cancel the Community Conversation scheduled for this Wednesday, Dec. 6th. We very much hope and expect to plan a similar event at a later date to give the community a chance to be heard on this issue. Thank you for your understanding and please reach out if you have any questions

UPCOMING STUDENT ACTIVITIES!!!

**Mark your calendars for the upcoming BHS Winter Ball!!! This year's ball will be a Masquerade.
Saturday January 27th from 8—11pm at the Sheraton.**



The Student Planning Committee is also participating the Burlington First Night Dragon Parade at 6:00pm on December 31!



PARTICIPATE IN THE PENGUIN PLUNGE!



This year's Penguin Plunge is on Saturday, February 3!
Join BHS' team to support Unified Sports, the Special Olympics of VT
and earn community service. All participants must raise \$150 dollars
and have a parent/guardian sign a waiver.

To learn how to join the team, then please contact Simon Parlante (sparlant@bsdvt.org),
Jennifer Haselman (jhaselma@bsdvt.org) or Francesca Dupuis (fdupuis@bsdvt.org).

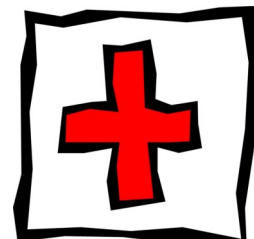
SCHOOL BASED HEALTH CENTER

Sore throat that won't let up? Questions about a weird rash? Ear pain that comes and goes? Recurring headache or stomachache making you miss school?

Come along to the School Based Health Center at BHS. On Monday and Friday mornings the SBHC works out of the Health Office and is staffed by UVM Pediatrics whose providers offer health services to any student (need a parent/guardian to sign up). The School Based Health Center provides basic primary health services as well as facilitates mental health services. In addition, the Center provides information and referrals to other community services.

Center staff members take special care not to disrupt the existing relationships between students, families and their primary care providers. By stopping in during the school day you can miss less class time and avoid the need for a ride to your health provider. The services are provided without copay and insurance will be billed. Please call if you have questions: [802 864 8586](tel:8028648586) or stop by the Health Office to sign up and get more information from your BHS nurses.

Our SBHC staff for 2017/18 are:
Mary Lee Ritter, APRN on Mondays 8-11am
And
Barb Frankowski, MD, MPH on Fridays 8-10am



BHS SCHOOL SAFETY

School Safety is always first and foremost on our minds at BHS. We conduct ten drills per school year, five fire evacuation drills and five lockdown drills. The Burlington Fire Department has been key in helping us to plan for fire drills and the Burlington Police Department assists us with each lockdown drill. Each instructional space has a uniform "Classroom Emergency Guide." The language used in this guide is consistent across the district. Our new phone system allows single button dialing to the front office and the nurse's office and direct dial to 911 where the dispatcher can ascertain the location of the call.

Just a few reminders about drills: in a fire evacuation drill it is expected that everyone leave the building in a timely and orderly fashion. When we are in lockdown, the expectation is that no one uses their cell phone. Silence in lockdown drills is critical. We do understand that it is concerning when we are in lockdown and know that we are adhering to best practice with this recommendation. The best we can do is plan for the most common scenario and understand that no circumstances under which we would need to evacuate would be ordinary. A multitude of variables would be at play in any emergency.

On November 20 and 21 the BHS/BTC campus hosted a training in ALICE for professionals from all over New England. It was a "train the trainer" event. There were thirty-eight attendees, including staff from the district. ALICE (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate) Training is the leading program for response to violent critical incidents (VCI). VCI are man-made forms of violent disaster, including: active shooter, violent intruder, mass shooting, terrorism, workplace violence, and other unexpected tragedies. The mission of ALICE is to save lives – this training program empowers individuals to make their own survival decisions should they be faced with violence. The district will provide guidance on the use of this training in the coming months.

On November 30 district staff attended the Governor's School Safety Conference hosted by Education Secretary Holcombe and Public Safety Commissioner Anderson. The all-day conference was designed to inform participants of the best and promising practices in school emergency preparedness that included managing the media and crisis communication, how to conduct an effective school safety exercise, the impacts of trauma after a critical incident, tactical emergency medicine and more.

The most important aspect of safety is for everyone to be doing their part to keep our school safe. Doors need to be locked and warning signs need to be brought to our attention. Please encourage your students to do their part in keeping BHS a safe learning environment!

INFO ON PERSONALIZED LEARNING PLANS

Personalized Learning Plans are important in our transition towards statewide requirements of Act 77.

“Act 77 of 2013 paves the way for schools to ‘work with every student in grade seven through grade 12 in an ongoing personalized learning planning process that: (A) identifies the student’s emerging abilities, aptitude, and disposition; (B) includes participation by families and other engaged adults; (C) guides decisions regarding course offerings and other high-quality educational experiences; and (D) is documented by a personalized learning plan (PLP).’ PLPs should be developmentally appropriate and define the scope and rigor of academic and experiential opportunities necessary for a secondary student to complete secondary school successfully, attain postsecondary readiness, and be prepared to engage actively in civic life.” Students who entered BHS as freshmen in 2016-2017 are the first cohort of students affected by this change in education.

PLPs are to be designed with the concepts of Plan, Do Check Adjust! Please review AOE Personalized Learning Plans brief presentation for a reminder and an overview.

If you are the parent/guardian of a student in ninth or tenth grade, please ask your student to share with you the link to their Personalized Learning Plan. It is a Google link and is an important part of your child’s journey through high school. Personal Learning Plans are at the forefront of student-centered learning. As students are thinking about course selections and electives, it is important for students to consider their interests, goals, and future plans. Currently PLPs are being supported in advisory. Please contact your child’s advisor if you need assistance or have questions.

BHS DOES A GREAT JOB AT NEW ENGLAND SOLO & ENSEMBLE FESTIVAL

The following students attended the New England Solo and Ensemble Festival this past weekend:

Nate Arre
Gabby Boera
Genevieve Bogdanowicz
Linden Bronz-Russo
Emma Chaffee
Connor Eaton
Jackson Elder
Abbi Grimm
Teagan Hart

Isaac Jennamann
Eamon Lynch
Ameila Mason
Halle Newman
Nataleigh Noble
Sofia Nuovo
Alec Rutherford
Adian Trombly
Kat Turnbull



Students prepared a repertoire piece and presented it to a judge. The judge then worked with the students on their technique and got feedback from professional musicians. If the students score high enough on their Solo and Ensemble piece they will be invited to attend the New England Music Festival held in March. All students presented themselves professionally and represented BHS with pride!

CONGRATULATIONS SCHOLARS BOWL TEAM!

The BHS Scholars' Bowl team showed its depth at the Pre-Holiday Academic Tournament on December 1st, placing all three of its teams in the top playoff tier in the region's largest tournament.

A total of 58 teams from 25 schools in Vermont, New York and New Hampshire competed in the event and the Burlington teams placed fourth, 13th and 14th out of 42 teams in the varsity bracket.

The A team of Mary Markley, Teagan Hart, Delia McConnell and Audrey Nichols won its all four of its preliminary rounds to enter the playoffs as the third seed. BHS then won its first two playoff matches before falling to Hanover in the semifinals and dropping a close decision to CVU in the match that decided third place.

Burlington's B team of Nathan Arre, Daniel Halladay, Emma True, Isa Block, Zoe Crane and Clare Maxwell and its C team of Isidora Bailly-Hall, Bella Farkas, Anna Halladay and Vilena Lee each completed the preliminary rounds with 3-1 records to make the cut for the 16-team A playoffs. Both teams lost their first two playoffs matches but won their third, setting up a head-to-head matchup in the final round that BHS B won in a 170-155 thriller.

Mary was the tournament's fourth-leading scorer while Isidora, Teagan and Daniel were also among the top 10 individually out of 250 players.

The tournament was the last of first of the first semester for BHS, which heads into the winter break with a varsity record of 28 wins and five losses. Our next tournament will be the Addison Region at CVU on January 5th.



2017 MADRIGAL FESTIVAL DECEMBER 8TH

This Friday the following students will be attending the 2017 Madrigal Festival held here in Burlington at the First Congregational Church. Over 17 different schools bring their select choirs to perform for each other and then make on large massive choir of over 400 students and perform 3 pieces together. The Concert is at 7:30 on Friday if you are wanting something fun to do, and or want to support these amazing students come on out!

Vermont Voices

Sam Beste	Halle Newman
Aldin Brezicanin	Nataleigh Noble
Anessa Connor	Ella Stats
Connor Eaton	Fern Sullivan
Jackson Elder	Breann Totten
Teagan Hart	Sophia Touche
Eamon Lynch	Aidan Trombly
Rose MacQueen	Illana Wagner
Elizabeth McConnell	Zanevia Wilcox
Ariel Merrill Nolte	



BHS AFTERSCHOOL ACTIVITIES

It is fundraising season! DECA, BHS Dance Team, and The Burlingtones all are working hard the next couple weeks raising funds for their programs. DECA will be hosting a fundraising Italian Dinner on December 9th at BHS. The BHS Dance Teams will be raising funds at the concession stand at the game this weekend. Lastly, The Burlingtones are working hard to raise funds for their big event on December 21st at the Main Street Landing in Burlington. For any information in regards to supporting our after school clubs and teams please email: fsalese@bsdvt.org.



INPUT SESSIONS FOR BHS STUDENTS

BHS Rebuilding/Renovation Input Sessions for BHS Students are scheduled for the following Wednesdays: December 13 and 20 from 8—8:45AM
LOCATION – B206

A community based steering committee is seeking input from students on proposing facility renovations or rebuilding our high school. They have gathered the work from past years to compile design directives. There are two concepts on which this committee is gathering input.

Students are encouraged to join Kate Stein, steering committee member on one of these Wednesday mornings!

REMINDERS FROM GUIDANCE

Attention BHS Sophomores!!

Don't miss out on HOBY!

www.hobyvt.org At this fun and life-changing seminar, you will recognize your leadership talents and learn to apply them. You will return from our three- or four-day seminar as a change leader – equipped with leadership skills, self-awareness, and motivation to make a positive difference in your community. Register in the Guidance Department with your counselor. The Leadership Seminar is at St. Michael's College from May 24th through May 27th

Seniors—remember your January 1st Deadline is approaching!!

Gap Year Fair January 16th -
Burlington:

usagyf2018burlington.eventbrite.com

End of Quarter 2—January 5th

Credit Recovery Day—January 5th

Quarter 3 Begins—January 8th



THANK YOU MIKE!!

BHS SEAHRSERIDE parent volunteers organized a Thank You breakfast for custodian Mike Coccetti, who retired after 34 years of service here at BHS.

BHS students shared in honoring Mike and expressing our school appreciation and Gratitude.

Happy Retirement Mike!!



BURLINGTON CITY AND LAKE SEMESTER

Next fall, BHS will be launching a new immersive, interdisciplinary program, the *Burlington City and Lake Semester*. Taught by Social Studies teacher, Dov Stucker, and English teacher, Peter McConville, the program will be located off campus where students will work with a variety of community partners on real world issues facing the city.

During the program, students will spend their entire Blue Days downtown and their White Days at BHS. The program schedule and credits will cover 5 out of students' 8 courses. Participants can enroll in up to three additional year long courses.

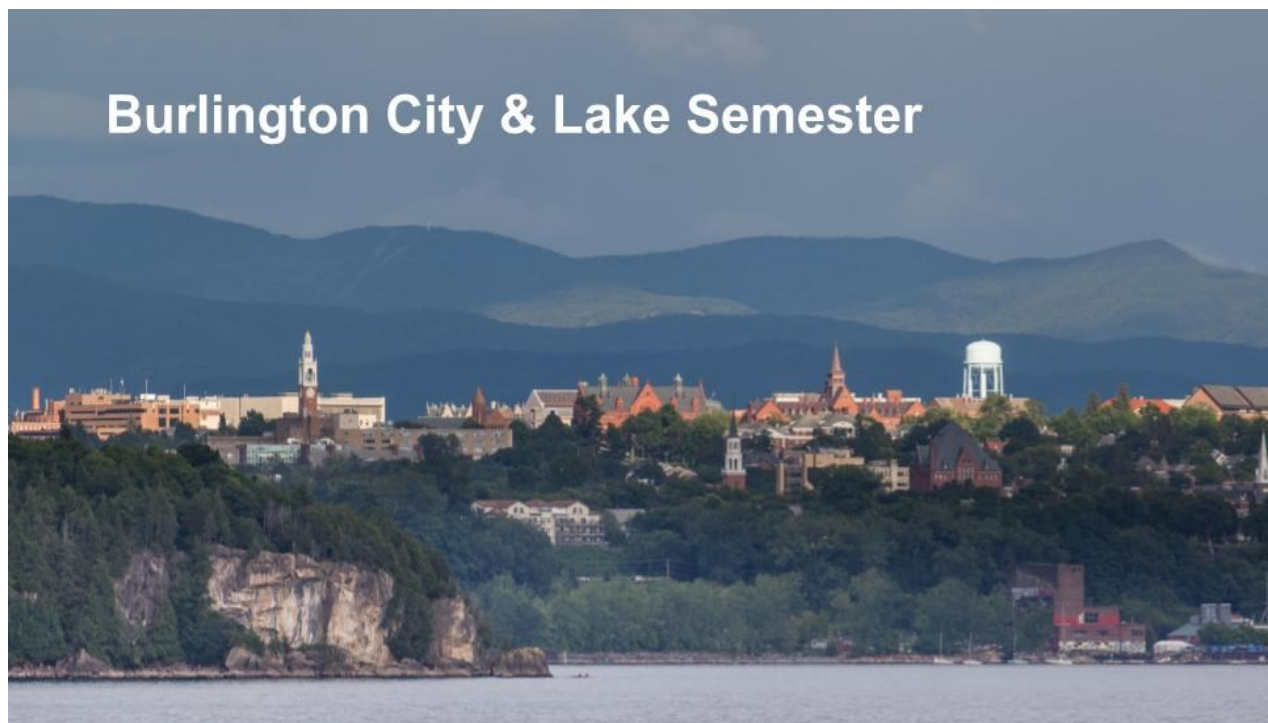
The program will explore a number of local issues with a special focus on physical and human geography, community and personal identity, civic engagement, social justice, and sustainable development. This is a unique opportunity for students who are ready to explore their city, collaborate with adult professionals, and grapple with real-world issues. The program is open to Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors.

To learn more, contact:

Dov Stucker at dstucker@bsdvt.org or Peter McConville at pmconvi@bsdvt.org.

Don't hesitate to be in touch with any questions. We'd love to share more about this innovative learning opportunity!

To learn a bit more about the program, click [HERE](#).



BHS SEAHORSE PRIDE COAT DRIVE

BHS SEAHORSEPRIDE Coat Drive is going on now through December 22nd
Seeking BHS Family Donations!
Drop Off A Coat Anytime in the Lobby, or
Take A Coat Anytime in the Lobby
Thank you!
Questions: seahorsepride@gmail.com



BHS WINTER APPAREL

Looking for some BHS Winter Apparel???
Here's the information on where you can place your orders.

Click live link: <https://www.ptsteam.com>
Click: BURLINGTON
Login & Password: Burlington
Questions: seahorsepride@gmail.com

NO SHIPPING FEES!
All items will be delivered to BHS for pick up.



WAY TO GO SEAHORSES !

BHS took 1st place 2017 UVM Aiken Challenge hosted by UVM's College of Engineering Math and Sciences (CEMS)!
We had 4 teams grades 9-12. Three placed in top 10 of more than 20 teams from across VT & NH!



BHS TAKES 1ST PLACE IN ENGINEERING COMPETITION



PING PONG POSSE - 1ST PLACE
Kale Tornwini
Ethan Tebsel
James Markley
Ali Afridi*

Students in Colby Skoglund's Robotics class competed in the *UVM Aiken Challenge* hosted by the College of Engineering Mathematics and Sciences (CEMS) this past Saturday. Three of the four teams placed in the top 10 with over 20 teams competing from across VT and NH! The "Ping Pong Pose" took home 1st place after four rounds of competition!

This year's challenge required students to work in teams to design and construct a device to launch ping pong balls in to a variety of different sized targets. In addition to collaboration and problem solving, students also prepared a presentation to communicate their solution and share the challenges they encountered in the design process.



BIG BALLERS - 8TH PLACE
John Tran
Niels Arentzen
Finn Rahill*(remotely)



THE LOLLIPOPPERS
Isha Ibrahim
Princess Morales-Watkins*
Brandon Jordan*



SUBERBOTICS - 10TH PLACE
Tien Vu
Ethan Herrick
Darpan Dahal
Logan LeBeau*



Meet Tom Cummings!

Position: Burlington High School Special Educator

Fun fact: I received my BA in Music

Schools attended: University of Vermont

Interests: Golf and Motorcycles

Favorite quote: "The difference between a successful person and others is not a lack of strength, not a lack of knowledge, but rather a lack of will."

Influences/mentors: My mother



Meet Jason Raymond!

Position: Digital Media Lab Teacher/ Outreach Coordinator, BTC

Fun fact: I have been in all 50 states in the US.

Schools attended: University of Texas, Austin, Bennington College, Eastern Michigan University, University of Arkansas

Interests: film, electronic music, ice hockey, soccer, cooking

Favorite quote: "When Nothing is Sure, Everything is Possible"....Instagram

Influences/Mentors: Rainer Fassbinder, Kurt Vonnegut, Fellini, Peanut Butter Wolf (producer), Spike Lee, Chris Marker

Anything else you would like share: I was born in Plattsburgh, NY and lived in Champlain, NY for my first two years. I have not lived in this region since that time. I am eager to explore the area and I welcome any and all ideas of things to see, folklore, and/or good places to eat.

Spaghetti Dinner

Please come support the BHS Business Club



When: Saturday December 9, 2017

Time: 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Where: Burlington High School Cafeteria

52 Institute Rd

Burlington, Vermont

Cost: \$30 Family of Four

\$10- Adults

\$ 8- Students/ Seniors (65+)

\$ 5 Kids (12 to 5)

Free to kids under 5

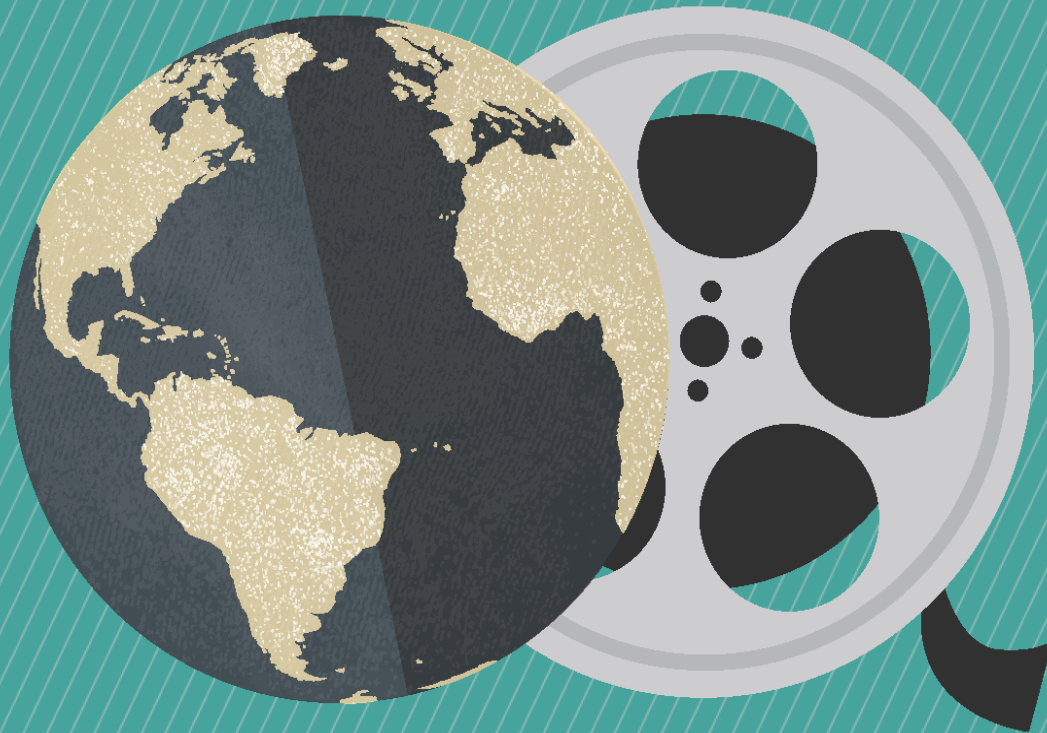
Meal includes: Spaghetti, salad, bread, drinks and dessert.

(Food will be provided by *Juniors Italian Restaurant*)



Tickets are being pre-sold by DECA students or email
blangevi@bsdvt.org to reserve tickets.

RACING EXTINCTION



TOGETHER WE CAN WIN THE RACE.

*A FREE documentary showing on global mass
extinction. Wednesday, December 6th from 6:00pm
to 8:00pm in the Burlington High School auditorium.*

Featuring a bake sale to raise funds for endangered species.

2018 Year End Studies (YES) Session

Overview

The BHS Year End Studies session concludes each school year by offering all students of the BHS community exciting alternatives for learning. These non-traditional courses expand student understanding and inspire new student interests. Intensive, interest-driven opportunities enhance enthusiasm for learning and strengthen relationships within BHS and the Burlington community.

Length of Session

Ten days of classes with an 11th day being a Presentation of Learning day (POL day). The 2018 YES Session will run from Wed, May 30 through wed. June 13, 2018. The Presentation of Learning (POL) day will take place from 8:05-1pm on Wednesday, June 13, 2018.

Options

Students could opt to participate in:

- two half-day courses (morning/afternoon)
- one full-day course (9:30-2:15pm)
- travel learning experience including language and service learning trips (added cost to student)
- BTC class and one half-day YES course
- Independent Study – half or full day - grades 11 and 12 only (restrictions apply, see Independent Study Guidelines)

Registration

Course descriptions will be accessible on the BHS website prior to registration. An online registration form will be available for all students at the end of first semester. Course assignments will be posted the end of March. There is no add/drop period for YES classes.

Attendance

Students must attend and participate in the YES Session. Students must attend 9 of the 10 days of the YES course classes to receive credit. All students must participate in the Presentation of Learning (POL). *Reminder: The YES session is an intensive 10-day session and part of the academic school year, please schedule all appointments before the start of YES or in the afternoons after 2:15pm. Please plan family vacations after the last day school Wed., June 13th.*

Schedule

8:00-9:15 Credit Recovery

9:30-11:30 Morning Course

Full-Day Courses run 9:30-2:15 and include a lunch break.

11:30-12:15 Lunch

12:15-2:15 Afternoon Course

2:30-3:30 Credit Recovery

Grading

Credit/No Credit

Graduation Requirement

Successful completion in YES Session for each year at BHS is a graduation requirement. **A special note to seniors:** Seniors who fail to earn YES Session credit will NOT be eligible to attend the graduation ceremony or receive their diploma. The senior must successfully complete a YES Session option for credit recovery (see section below).

Options for Students Who Do Not Earn Credit for the YES Session

Students who fail to earn YES credit, can recover the YES Session credit by successfully completing one of the follow:

- To enroll in a college course through College Connections (grades 10-12)
- Attend an academic camp or institute
- Community Service (These hours would not count towards the 40hr graduation requirement.)

Credit Recovery

Credit Recovery is for students who fail a course during the regular school year with an overall average of 53%-59%. Credit for this course is earned pending teacher approval.

BTC Students

Students participating in BTC programs will attend their BTC classes as regularly scheduled AND participate in one YES course. For example, if you take a morning BTC class you will take an afternoon YES course.

Questions?

If you have questions or concerns about the YES Session you may email the YES Coordinators Colby Skoglund and Gretchen Muller at: yes@bsdvt.org



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CLASSROOM.**



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Visit gapmatcher.com to find out which programs might be a good fit for you!

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January 16, 2018

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Speaker: 6-6:45 PM | Fair: 6:45-8:30 PM

Pre-register for free at usagapyearfairs.org/fairs

BUY YOUR BASKETBALL AND HOCKEY
SPORTS SIGN TODAY!!

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 and/or HOCKEY 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!!

SEAHORSEPRIDE

BHS BOOSTERS is now BHS SEAHORSEPRIDE

SEAHORSEPRIDE

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

All Are Welcome To Volunteer in Any Way!

Help with School Support: Arts & Academics

Cnt: Clare Wool

email: clarewool@me.com

Help with Music and Choral Dept.

Cnt: Suzanne Garrity

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Help with Sponsorship/Advertising

Cnt: Chris Hood

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Help with Winter Sports Concessions

Cnt: Jennifer Woods

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Help with Athletic Team Yard Signs

Tammy Kuypers

contact: kuypers5@yahoo.com