

BURLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL

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Upcoming Dates at BHS
Friday 1/5 Quarter 2 Ends Credit Recovery
Monday 1/8 Quarter 3 Begins
Tuesday 1/16 Inservice—No school for students
Saturday 1/20 All State Auditions @ CVU High School
Thursday 1/25 Winter Concert 1 7pm BHS Auditorium
Thursday 2/1 Winter Concert 2 7pm BHS Auditorium

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@bsdt.org), Jennifer Haselman (jhaselma@bsdt.org) or Francesca Dupuis (fdupuis@bsdt.org).

IMPORTANT INFO REGARDING JANUARY 5TH

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. 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 and emails have gone out. 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!

VT PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARS!

We have been notified by the Vermont Agency of Education that three BHS Seniors have been selected as VT Presidential Scholars. They will be recognized at the State House on Monday, January 8. Congratulations to Mary Markley, Caroline Saba and Elias Standard! Twenty selected Vermont scholars will be invited by the Secretary to apply to the national Presidential Scholars Program hosted by the U.S. Department of Education. Categories that will be reviewed when evaluating the nominations are "Involvement and Service (in school and community)," "Leadership and Character," "Writing Samples" and "Academic Achievements." Additional "discretionary points for extraordinary achievement, heavy workload, family responsibilities, or obstacles overcome" are also considered. Congratulations to all three of you! We are beaming with Seahorse Pride!!!



UPCOMING CONCERTS AND DRAMA EVENTS

This winter we will have the opportunity to showcase our many instrumental and vocal musicians in our upcoming Winter Concerts. Please join us on Thursday, January 26 and Thursday, February 2 at 7:00 PM in the Auditorium. Both concerts are free and open to the public.



In other events not to be missed, please join us for the Burlington High School Drama Club's One Act Play Festival. This event will take place on three evenings at 7:00 PM, Wednesday, February 21 Thursday, February 22 and Friday, February 23 at 7:00. General Admission is \$5.00.

BHS SEAHORSE SPIRIT IN FULL SWING

Our student-athlete scholars continue to impress! The Burlington High School boys hockey team who won the Charlie Burchard tournament on Saturday, December 16, 2017. This is the second year in a row for their victory. Way to go Seahorses!



During the week of December 15, we celebrated Spirit week by wearing blue and white, wearing matching clothes and other activities to celebrate all that we do in our school. On Thursday, December 21, we held a Pep Rally in the Gymnasium. We celebrated our pride and the event featured our Dance Team. This kicked off the basketball season with a boys varsity basketball game with Rice that afternoon.

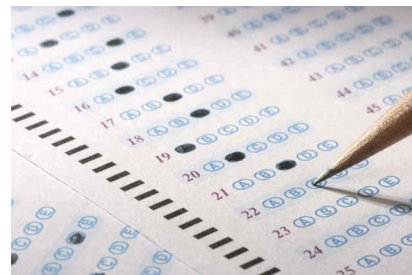
UPCOMING SAT CLASS

Kaplan Test Prep will be running an SAT Class at UVM in preparation for the March 10th SAT Test! Class will include 2 Practice Tests and 6 three hour Classroom sessions. Seating is limited Register today, by calling [1-800-527-8378](tel:1-800-527-8378) or visiting kaptest.com/sat. Prices go up 3 weeks prior to the class start date!

Class Code: **SAIKS18211**

Schedule: Saturday and Sunday starting at 9am

First session is 1/27/18



BHS AFTERSCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Happy New Year! Ensure your new year is the best it can be by stopping by Homework Center Monday through Thursday from 3-5 in the library. Interested in joining Ultimate Frisbee? Bowling after school? Maybe learning how to build a computer? Need community service? Please email Fsalese@bsdvt.org for more information

WINTER BALL INFO

The Annual Winter Ball for students is scheduled for Saturday, January 27, 2018, and tickets will be on sale in the cafeteria the week leading up to the event. The event will be held at the Burlington Hotel in South Burlington (formerly the Sheraton). Tickets are \$15. This years ball will be a Masquerade!!



EIGHTH GRADE INFORMATION NIGHT

BHS looks forward inviting new Seahorses on Wednesday, January 24 in for Eighth Grade Information Night. Invited are all families and students from Hunt and Edmunds Middle Schools. The event will start at 6:30 and will share information on math and science sequences and to provide much more information on clubs, events, and classes offered at the high school.



CONGRATULATIONS TO SOME OF OUR BHS MUSIC STUDENTS

The Burlington High School Music Department is delighted to have the following students be accepted into the New England Music Festival. This is a highly competitive festival where students from around New England go and audition in a solo setting. For the 2018 Festival Choir: Nataleigh Noble, Connor Eaton, Jackson Elder, Eamon Lynch, Alec Rutherford, Aidan Trombly, Kathryn Turnbull, and Gabby Boera. For the 2018 Festival Band Nathan Arre. Congratulations to all!!!



FROM THE GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

Hello Students,

Welcome back from the break. With second semester rounding the corner we have a few important dates to remind you about:

SAT/ACT

Below are the Spring SAT/ACT Dates held at BHS.

ACT EXAM DATES 2017- 2018 Burlington High School Center Code 186090 Test Dates:	SAT EXAM DATES 2017- 2018 Burlington High School Center Code 460085 Test Dates:
June 9, 2018	March 10, 2018
	May 5, 2018

GAP Year Fair

USA Gap Year Fairs is an annual circuit of events that bring together reputable Gap Year organizations, interested students and parents, high school college counselors, and Gap Year experts. These fairs provide students with a broad exposure to Gap Year Programs and the opportunity for face-to-face conversations with professionals in the field.

GAP Year Fair
52 Institute Road
Burlington, VT 05408
January 16, 2018 6:00pm-8:30pm

8th Grade Student Information Night

This is a chance for parents to come to BHS and learn a little bit more about the school, what students will be doing next year. Meet their counselor and more.

8th Grade Student Information Night
52 Institute Road
Burlington, VT 05408
January 24, 2018 6:30pm- 8:00pm



PRE-ACT AND PSAT UPDATE

This past fall our school joined thousands of schools across the United States in the administration of the Pre-ACT Exam for 10th graders. Copies of the results have been received by BHS and students are asked to stop by the guidance office to pick up their score sheet, answer booklet and answer sheet. The Pre-ACT includes four multiple-choice subject tests in English, math, reading and science. This exam also creates a STEM score (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) based upon the students' responses to questions that pertain to a combination of those fields. The Pre-ACT also collects information about students interests, needs, plans, high school course information, and selected background characteristics.

For each of the four Pre-ACT tests, the number of questions answered correctly across the subject areas is counted to obtain a raw score, which is then converted to a scale score. Scale scores for the four tests and the Composite score range from a low of 1 to a high of 35.

Each student that participated in the Pre-ACT receives a Student Report. Please refer to your student's grade report and check it against this table to determine where they may need extra help to succeed at the college level. Students will meet with their guidance counselors in February to discuss their Pre-ACT scores.

	ACT Benchmark	In Need Range	Almost There Range	On Target Range
English	18	1-11	12-14	15-35
Math	22	1-16	17-18	19-35
Reading	22	1-16	17-19	20-35
Science	23	1-17	18-20	21-35
STEM	26	1-21	22-23	24-35

Juniors at BHS took the PSAT on the same day. Student scores are available to parents and students by logging into their College Board account here: <https://cbaccount.collegeboard.org/> The College Board, provides useful resources on reviewing scores and obtaining additional resources based on scores on their site here: <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/>

Juniors will meet with their guidance counselors starting in January to discuss their PSAT scores. Guidance counselors will have copies of their score reports for these meetings.

While no single test provides a complete picture of achievement, annual national level assessments like the pre-ACT and PSAT coupled with district and classroom results can provide important information about student progress and areas for improvement. Parents and teachers can use this comprehensive information from all assessments to make sure students get the support they need to succeed. These results may be discussed with your student's Guidance Counselor along with other results from district and classroom assessments administered throughout this school year.

Thank you once again for supporting your child and our school during the annual assessments.

INFORMATION ABOUT SBAC TESTS AND OTHER ASSESSMENTS



What are SBAC tests? Why do we do it? Who is taking it?

The Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC) is a standardized test consortium. They create Common Core State Standards-aligned tests. These tests are used in several states. Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) is a reauthorization of the 1965 Elementary and Secondary Education Act which established the federal government's expanded role in public education. ESSA requires all students to be tested in math and English language arts in grades 3-8 and one time in high school. For the past three years, in 3rd-8th grades and again in 11th grade, students in Vermont have taken the Smarter Balanced assessments for math and English language arts. This year students in 9th grade will take the SBAC tests. Students in 11th grade will not take the SBAC tests. The AOE has released an [FAQ on change from grade 11 to 9](#) to assist in answering questions. Last year we administered the SBAC in the first two weeks of April and we anticipate the same or similar time frame this year.

What other "state required" assessments will students take at BHS?

A new science test that will be fully aligned with the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) will be field-tested in May 2018 for all school in the state. The NGSS-aligned assessment will be administered to students in grades 5, 8, and 11. This represents a change from practice in 2016-17 when the NECAP assessment was administered to grades 4, 8, and 11. The AOE has released an [FAQ on the NGSS testing](#) to assist in answering questions. This test will be administered to students in grade 11 in May at BHS.



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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!!