

BURLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL

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Upcoming Dates at BHS
Wednesday 2/21 Senior Meeting 8am
BHS Auditorium
Wednesday 2/21 One Act Play Festival
7PM BHS Auditorium
Thursday 2/22 One Act Play Festival
7PM BHS Auditorium
Friday 2/23 One Act Play Festival
7PM BHS Auditorium

A MESSAGE FROM PRINCIPAL RACICOT

Dear Burlington High School Community.

Last evening the Burlington School District Board of Commissioners passed unanimously a motion to fly a Black Lives Matter flag from the Burlington High School flagpole for the remainder of the school year. This request was put forth by students in the Social Justice Union and supported by a petition of over 450 signatures. I couldn't be more proud of our students who are choosing to make a true difference in this community, the state and beyond. At BHS we look forward to supporting our brave and resilient students as they move forward in the world.

I have included the district's press release for you on the following page. We will have a ceremony on Monday, February 19 and details will be shared as soon as they are available.

Sincerely,
Ms. Racicot

Students Reading Proposal to Fly Flag



Students Celebrating After Flag Raising is Approved



BURLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL TO RAISE BLACK LIVES MATTER FLAG

Burlington High School (BHS) will soon become the second school in Vermont, and the nation, to fly a Black Lives Matter flag. On February 13, students from the high school's Social Justice Union (SJU) presented a proposal to the school board, requesting they be allowed to fly the flag. The proposal included thoughts from the students on how flying the flag could create a more inclusive environment, references to Montpelier High School's flag raising, and a petition signed by more than 450 students from the high school. A motion to allow the students to fly the flag passed unanimously.

"With the overwhelming support to fly the Black Lives Matter flag, we feel that this is an important step in creating a welcoming environment for students of color and is a crucial advancement in the district-level conversation about race," said the student representatives from the SJU. "We expect the raising of the flag to further the Board's conversation around closing the achievement gap. We also hope that this will generate more actions to include black history in our schools' year-round curriculums. Raising the Black Lives Matter flag assures that students of color are supported, represented, and heard."

While making a motion in support of the student proposal, Commissioner Liz Curry read from a prepared statement, saying "Throughout American history, the humanity of our society and nation has suffered when the personhood and citizenship rights of Black people have been attacked. When Black people have fought to have their rights and humanity recognized, our whole society has improved. The Board recognizes that creating equitable and inclusive schools involves addressing many issues that go beyond the classroom walls. Change takes time, and may be uncomfortable. But change is urgently needed if we are to fulfill our district promise that every student will graduate having achieved their highest academic, intellectual and personal potential, and be prepared to thrive in a global community."

"We are proud to have student voice that challenges the status quo," said BHS Principal Tracy Racicot. "Our youth are brave and certain in their beliefs. We stand beside all of our students as they choose to make a difference in the world." Racicot met with students early on to discuss their ideas and encouraged them to take their request to the board, coaching the students on how to get time on a school board agenda, as well as how to create a strong and meaningful presentation.

"I am extremely proud of this group of students," said Superintendent Obeng. "They began by raising the issue of flying the Black Lives Matter flag with their principal, who helped them understand that a decision of this magnitude needs to have more stakeholder input. Rather than getting frustrated or feeling disrespected, the students got to work, engaged with and got feedback from their fellow students, got themselves on the agenda for our last Diversity, Equity and Inclusion meeting, and then gave a strong presentation to the school board, resulting in the approval of this request. I commend our students for coming forward, being persistent yet respectful, and going through the proper channels to raise this issue and be heard at the board level."

The District plans to hold a flag-raising ceremony on the afternoon of February 19th, and the flag will remain up through the rest of the school year

BHS AFTERSCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Hello BHS! Next week the Department of Labor, CEDO, and Mayor Weinberger are presenting the 2018 Career Fair! This exciting event will host several employers to discuss job opportunities in a variety of industries including, Sales, Retail, Manufacturing, Hospitality, Customer Service, Construction, and more!! The event will be held at the Holiday Inn at [1068 Williston Road](#) in South Burlington on Wednesday, February 21st, from 3pm-6pm. For more information please call VDOL [\(802\) 863-7676](#). Don't miss this exciting opportunity for career exploration! For more information please email: Fsalese@bsdvt.org

ATTENTION FRESHMAN PARENTS

In an effort to better serve our students diverse academic, social, emotional, and behavioral needs, members of our Student Support Team have collaborated to create an advisory activity that will take place on an upcoming date to be determined. Students of all grades will learn how stress and anxiety impact learning. Students of the 9th grade will be offered a quick survey to identify stressors and supports. Additional supports will be offered based on student response. We hope that students will benefit greatly from this preventive approach offered by our Student Support Team. An email will be sent with information once the survey date has been determined. 9th grade parents can also get more information on this project (including opt out information) by sending an email to Andrew Amabile at aamabile@bsdvt.org

BTC PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE



Burlington Technical Center Preschool

Open House
Saturday, February 17, 2018
9:30 - 12:00 p.m.

Open House
Thursday, March 8, 2018
8:00 - 10:30 a.m.

***Please join the Burlington Technical Center Preschool for our open house. Our dynamic team of teachers create the perfect learning environment for your child. Registration paperwork, handbook, schedule and other information will be provided. If you have any questions, please contact**

Jenn Whitby at jwhitby@bsdvt.org or 864-8422.

CONGRATULATIONS BHS DECA TEAM

We are so proud to share that on Friday, February 9, 2018 freshman Dakota Brownlow and Greta Gibson along with 130 other Vermont High School students went to the Vermont State DECA competition at the UVM Davis Center, where Dakota competed in Principles of Marketing and Greta competed in Principles of Hospitality. The competition consists of both a written exam and a role play scenario, scoring is based off of scores from each event and then a combined score. Dakota and Greta both placed 1st place in their categories for the written exam, Dakota placed 2nd in the Role Play event, Dakota and Greta both placed 2nd overall for both the written and the role play events combined, Greta won an Achievement Award for scoring so high on the written exam and finally BHS won an Achievement Award for our Membership Campaign.

We are so proud of the two of them for competing in this event and look forward to them competing again next year!



BHS ATHLETIC UPDATES

Monday March 19th Spring Sports begins
Please visit the burlingtonathletics.com website for more information.

**BHS WINTER Sports Student-Athlete Registration Requirements:
(STUDENTS MUST SIGN UP BEFORE FIRST PRACTICE)**

ALL required paperwork will be completed on-line via a platform called "*Form ReLeaf*." This will allow parents to complete forms ONCE and then you can use auto fill if you have more than one child OR your child plays more than one sport. Medical forms still need to be handed in because of the requirement for the Doctor's signature. Parents will access the site from the BHS Athletic website. click on * ONLINE REGISTRATION FOR SPRING 2017-18 SPORTS*



BURLINGTON TECHNICAL CENTER OPEN HOUSE 2018

Each year 9-10th grade students from all over Chittenden County are presented with the option of extending their high school learning opportunities by adding a rigorous, hands-on course of study from the Burlington Technical Center (BTC) to their course schedules. These programs provide students with the opportunity to earn college credits, endorsements and certifications, and real-world experiences suitable towards making informed decisions about how they will transition from high school into university/college, employment, or other learning experiences. Broadly, each of these programs provide a cluster of pathways within their subject domains, introducing students to a myriad of options for further exploration. Students are required to visit their program of interest as a prerequisite to apply for a BTC program. Visit days for BHS were in early February, and over one hundred students from BHS signed up to visit BTC on these two days.

Burlington Technical Center (BTC) is also hosting an Open House on Saturday, February 17, from 9:30 am - 12:00 pm. This Open House will also provide students with their required visit if they were unable to make the BHS visit date. All students and families are welcome to stop by and learn about the wide array of Career and Technical Education available to Chittenden County students and come and visit the dynamic range of programs and services available for incoming 9th-12th grade students at the Burlington Technical Center, including our Foundational Tech programs (Design Tech and Health, Hospitality, and Human Service Tech) for 9th and 10th grade students, and our 11th-12th grade programs in: Auto Body, Auto Science and Tech, Aviation and Aerospace Technology, Programming and Computer Science, Criminal Justice, Culinary Arts, Design and Illustration, Digital Media Lab, Human Services, Health Science Academy, Programming, and Welding and Metal Fabrication.

Parking for Open House available at Burlington High School (BHS) main parking area on [52 Institute Road, and entrance](#) through the BHS main entrance from the parking lot. For more information on Burlington Technical Center, check out our website at: www.burlingtontech.org



**Black History Month
Sale
All are Welcome
T-shirts**

In honor of Black History Month All are Welcome T-shirts are \$10. The sale continues through the month of February. Place your order with any International Club member or sblethen@bsdvt.org. T-shirts are available in limited quantities in sizes XS - XXL in black or white.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are in need of parent volunteers during our busy lunches. Are you free 10:45-12:45pm any day of the week?

Come join us as we offer students support, positive engagement and a friendly smile. No experience needed! A helping hand to guide student through their fast paced lunch. Positions in the Cafeteria & Library

Come Join Us One Day A Week!

Email:

seahorsepride@gmail.com

CHAMPLAIN CAFÉ PRESIDENTS MENU

This week our menu features foods that were served during the presidential terms of George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, as well as some others. Favorite foods other than those on the menu were a beef and kidney pie, all types of fruits, lamb, Brunswick Stew, Fricassee of Veal or Chicken, Apple Pie and Pecan Pie. You could easily find the dishes below served in the White House at one time or another.

Please see the link to our menu for details and reservations: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe-1TF0ds-FrP-YeUwJzQI6-a5v_96R-oES7kMMznuPIxe05g/viewform?c=0&w=1



9TH ANNUAL VERMONT BRAIN BEE

The 1st Annual Burlington Technical Center (BTC)/Burlington High School (BHS) Neuroscience Club performed well at this weekend's 9th Annual Vermont Brain Bee. The Vermont Brain Bee is hosted by the Neuroscience Department at UVM and ran from 8:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m on Saturday, February 10th.

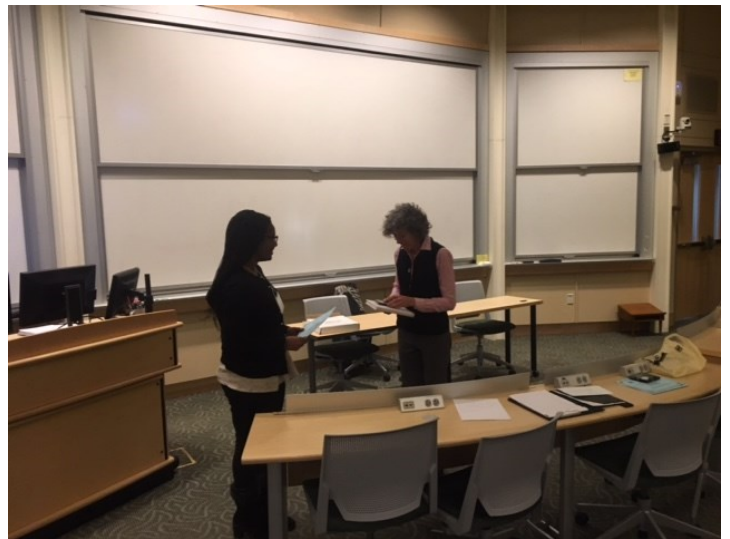
Four of this years Neuroscience Club members competed this weekend, and also participated in the Brain Bee Boot Camp (a preparatory program) which was held the preceding Saturday.



From left to right: Isa Bloch (BHS/BTC), Amanda True (BHS/BTC), Vilena Lee (BHS) and Amanda Rogers (CHS/BTC)

Two of the club members made it to the final 8 (total of nearly 50 participants across 10 schools): Isa Bloch (2nd from left) and Vilena Lee (2nd from right)

Vilena Lee (BHS) took 3rd place as an individual



FROM THE GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

- ♦ Reminder that registration for classes for the 2018-2019 school year is this week. Please review the Program of Studies and course choices on the BHS website with your student. <http://bhs.bsdtvt.org/guidance/program-of-study/> Students will be registering during their Advisory. Current sophomores will be registering Thursday 2/15, Current freshman will be registering Friday 2/16. Current 8th graders are registering at their Middle Schools. Make up day for all will be Monday 2/19 during Advisory.
- ♦ We will be having a senior meeting at 8:00am on Wednesday the 21st . This is mandatory for those graduating and will be filled with tons of important information regarding graduation.
- ♦ Seniors, Barbara Gauntlett Scholarship is now available at this link <https://www.grantinterface.com/Home/Logon?urlkey=nyct-scholarship>
The Scholarship access code for applying students is NBGSF
- ♦ To learn about all scholarships please visit the BHS Guidance webpage <http://bhs.bsdtvt.org/scholarship-opportunities/>
- ♦ Seniors, if you have parents who are serving in the military please stop down in the Guidance office and see Brittany for a scholarship application. This application is due February 16,2018.

PSAT Scores for Juniors are available on College Board: www.collegeboard.org

SAT/ACT

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

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



JOIN BHS UNIFIED BASKETBALL !

**ALL GRADE LEVELS, ALL ABILITIES
WELCOME**

**PRACTICES WILL BEGIN IN
MID-FEBRUARY**

**SEVEN-GAME SEASON BEGINS IN
MID-MARCH**

PLAYOFFS BEGIN IN MAY

**BE A PART OF A TEAM THAT IS
INCLUSIVE, DYNAMIC, AND FUN**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT
COACH MIKE LEONARD**

mleonard@bsdvt.org





A unique semester experience for BHS students exploring real world issues in Burlington.

This Fall, BHS is launching a new program for interested students in grades 10-12: the ***Burlington City & Lake Semester [BCL]***. The program takes students out of the classroom and into the city to study real world issues and take action to improve our community.

The City & Lake Program

BCL is about responding to our community's needs and opportunities. Potential projects:

- Creating a short documentary film about Burlington's people and neighborhoods to share with families moving to the city.
- Studying Lake Champlain health with scientists and presenting results to the City Council.
- Collaborating with a professional artist to create art for one of the city's public parks.



Schedule and Credit

BCL students will meet downtown all day on Blue Days and at BHS for one block on White Days. Students earn Social Studies, English, and General Electives credits in the program. Students can enroll in three other classes at BHS on White Days (e.g. Math, Science, Foreign Language, Art).



Core Themes

Sense of Place - Community & Identity - Civic Engagement - Social Justice - Sustainability

Our Mission

BCL empowers young people as citizens, students, and community members through authentic, collaborative real-world learning experiences in and around the city of Burlington.

Learn more and apply by February 22 at btvcityandlake.org.



Questions? Contact us!

Dov Stucker: dstucker@bsdvt.org

Peter McConville: pmcconvi@bsdvt.org

Burlington High School - 52 Institute Road

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**American
Red Cross**

BLOOD DRIVE

Hosted by BHS Heroes

When? Wednesday, March 14
8:30am - 2pm

Where? BHS Gym

Who? Anyone 16 years or older

Why? March is National Red Cross month and people are always in need of blood!

Questions? Please contact Ms. Dupuis (fdupuis@bsdvt.org). Volunteers (as non-donors) are absolutely needed!



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!

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

Help with School Support: Arts & Academics

Cnt: Clare Wool

email: clarewool@me.com

Help with Music and Choral Dept.

Cnt: Suzanne Garrity

email: suzannemgarrity@gmail.com

Help with Sponsorship/Advertising

Cnt: Chris Hood

email: chood@cssu.org

Help with Winter Sports Concessions

Cnt: Jennifer Woods

email: jenniferwoods173@gmail.com

Help with Athletic Team Yard Signs

Tammy Kuypers

contact: kuypers5@yahoo.com

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.bsdvt.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!!

at King Street Center



Every Sunday afternoon 1 - 5pm
(come for as little or as long as you need)

FREE!

Snacks Provided

friend

Bring a friend

King Street Center
87 King Street Sundays 1-5pm



Spring ACT and AP tests are around the corner! We have two upcoming events to help your students get the scores they want: our Free ACT Prep Week and Free AP Review Weekend.

Free ACT Prep Week, February 11-14

If you have students taking the ACT test in April, they won't want to miss our Free ACT Prep Week, happening February 11-14. Students will learn time-saving tips and strategies for Math and Science, and review their practice test score to see where they stand and how they can improve. Seats fill quickly—students should sign-up now.

Link: <https://www.kaptest.com/FreeACTPrepWeek>

Free AP Review Weekend, February 24-25

Students need a minimum score of 3 to pass their AP tests—let us help them achieve that with our Free AP Review Weekend. We're covering Biology, Calculus AB, US History, and World History in one-hour, live, interactive sessions for each subject. Students can choose one, two, or all sessions, but they must reserve their place in each one.

Link: <https://www.kaptest.com/freeapweekend>

Get Your Act Together

BHS Talent Show

**March 21st/Wed
6:30-8:30**

BHS Auditorium



BURLINGTON INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY CELEBRATION



Wednesday
March 7, 2018
5:30–7:30 PM
Burlington High
School
Burlington, VT

2018 Honorees:

Sue Gillis

Barbara Jordan

Dolly Fleming

Robin Lloyd, guest speaker

We invite you to join us and the rest of the world in celebrating and honoring the women and girls of the planet and to use this day to commit ourselves to ensuring the rights of women of all ages so they can lead secure, creative, healthy, and free lives.

You can expect:

- to meet and converse with the diverse women who form our community
- to enjoy delicious snacks
- to hear about three community members being honored for their work.
- to hear about this year's special honoree, the originator of the "Me too" movement **Tarana Burke**



This event is
FREE
and all
are welcome
to attend.

Sponsored by the Caroline Fund, Ned and JoAnn Winterbottom and the Peace and Justice Center.