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# CONNECTIONS

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Facebook!**



## 2018-2019 BHS OREAD reports that the Yearbook is finally here!

The 2018 and 2019 Burlington High School OREAD (yearbook) staffs are pleased to announce that the 2018 yearbook has arrived!

We appreciate your patience, and we can assure you that the delay in getting the books printed was due to our desire to turn out a high quality representation of the entire 2017-18 school year.

Yearbooks are first being distributed from **1:45 until 4:00 on Tuesday, February 19** in the BHS Main Lobby. After that, you may pick up your yearbook in the BHS Main Office during any regular school day (8-3:30). **Please remember that the Winter Break is February 25 through March 5 so school will not be open on those days.**

We have a very limited number of extra copies for sale if you know of anyone who didn't order a yearbook but is still interested in one. Those may be purchased for \$60 each (cash or check made out to "BHS OREAD") in the BHS Main Office, while supplies last



## Administrative Corner, *Principal Noel Green*

BHS is buzzing as we are almost at our winter break! This doesn't mean that we aren't busy, however. The winter sports regular season is winding down but the playoffs should be very exciting. Keep watch of the athletics calendar and pick some upcoming games to support your Seahorse Athletes. Before the playoffs begin, you can engage with us by attending the BHS **One Act Plays** which begin this evening at 7pm with Thursday and Friday performances as well. We look forward to seeing you on campus!

We completed our 2019/20 course registration process last week, with this week being a make-up opportunity for students who were absent. We are also planning an opportunity when we return from break for students to conduct one last final review of their choices before we begin building the master schedule. Our students had the opportunity to register for a host of strong classes including electives and AP level. BHS has made progress in that we now have semester-long course offerings in the Math and Fine Arts Department. BHS is also partnering with the Burlington Technical Center to offer Pre-Tech, Computer Science classes for grades 9-10, that align with the BHS daily schedule. This adds needed flexibility to students schedules.

Looking a little further ahead, on March 19, BHS will participate in an Integrated Field Review from the Vermont Agency Of Education. The purpose of this review is for the state to gather data and information about the quality of all schools. More specifically:

*At least every three years starting in 2016, school systems will participate in an Integrated Field Review, which is what the pilot program will explore. Teams of students, educators and Agency staff will engage in classroom observations, reviews of student work, panel discussions or interviews with parents, students and staff and collaborate to generate their assessments of school system performance. Reports will be published and will include a summary of the data collected, commendations, recommendations and assessments of performance*

We will provide more information after the break in regard to getting parent participation as part of the panel discussions and interviews. Enjoy the break!

Go Seahorses!



## UPCOMING EVENTS

***Congrats to all  
the students who  
were chosen for  
Vermont All State  
Festival!***

### **Choir:**

***Aldin Brezicanin  
Miles Ellis Novotny  
Thow Ellis Novotny***

***Lila Lyenger  
Aidan Trombly***

### **Orchestra:**

***Rebecca Cunningham  
Abigail Grimm  
Anna Halladay  
Julia Keeton***

### **Band:**

***Ethan Vincent***

**Go Seahorse  
musicians!!**



***Vilena Lee with her award  
for winning the 10th Annual  
VT Brain Bee!***

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Facebook!***

## **ACT @ BHS, Wednesday, February 20**

As part of our support for students displaying college and career readiness, we will be offering the ACT to 11th graders at BHS on Wednesday, February 20. The exam will be administered starting @ 8:05 that day. For the past week, 11th graders met during advisory about the exam and they completed the required pre-registration process, during Advisory. If a student was absent, they should check in with their counselor on Monday. This exam will be paid for by the BSD.

More information for students and families regarding preparing for the ACT is available @:

<http://www.act.org/content/dam/act/unsecured/documents/Preparing-for-the-ACT.pdf>

Students will be encouraged to bring their own calculator to this exam. A basic 4 function calculator will be made available to students in the testing room.

Thank you!

## **SHOUT OUT to Vilena Lee who won the VT Brain Bee!**

**Vilena Lee**, BHS Senior, earned first place in the 10th Annual Vermont Brain Bee at the University of Vermont this past Saturday. Over 50 students from high schools across Vermont competed in the neuroscience competition and learning experience hosted at UVM's Larner College of Medicine. In addition to competing in written and practice quizzes, students must compete in oral bee rounds to reach the final rounds of the competition.

In addition to earning top marks at the event, Vilena had an opportunity to attend neurological and psychiatric case presentations, a panel on Studying Neuroscience and the College Experience, and the keynote "Adolescent Neurodevelopment: Substance Use, Risk Factors, and Consequences."

Vilena will represent Vermont in the National Brain Bee Competition in Hershey, Pennsylvania in April. Good luck, Vilena!

## **Student Parking issues—IMPORTANT, please read**

The BHS Admin team wants to be sure that you all know the rules for student parking. Students, there is a form that you need to fill out to be parking at BHS. Your parent needs to sign it and there is a \$30 fee to get the pass. You should be parking in the **Upper Lot Only**, not the lower lot at all; that is the teacher lot. We will be more diligent about ticketing and towing from this point on due to some incidents that have happened recently.

If your car gets towed, call Handy's towing at 802-862-0656. Thank you for being responsible.

## **Panel Discussion on Proficiency-based Learning**

**What:** Panel discussion with college admissions officers on proficiency-based learning

**When:** February 20th, 5:30-6:30pm

**Where:** BHS Cafeteria

**Who:** Students and families

Please join us for a panel discussion with area college admissions officers on the impacts of proficiency-based learning on the college admissions process. Families will have the opportunity to hear from admissions officers as well as ask questions. Coffee, tea, and refreshments will be available. Questions? Contact Jocelyn Fletcher Scheuch, [jfletche@bsdvt.org](mailto:jfletche@bsdvt.org)



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## A message from BTC Culinary Arts

The BTC Champlain Cafe will re-open for lunch on Friday, January 18th. Our menu will feature the cuisine of Hawaii, as it became a state 60 years ago. The menu will be sent out next Monday, January 14th, and can be accessed through our website, Facebook and Twitter at that time.

Additionally, here are the upcoming menus for your planning:

### Upcoming BTC Champlain Cafe Lunch Menus

February 8th-14th - Valentine's Day Sale

February 15th - Presidents' Day Menu

February 22nd - Mardi Gras Menu

March 8th - TBD

March 15th - Irish Menu

Hope to see you there!



## BTC Open House – this Saturday!

If you or anyone you know is interested in enrolling in BTC for next year to engage in specialized, experiential learning, please note the following important dates.

Saturday, February 16 from 9:00am-12:00pm BTC Open House

Come and check it out to see if there is something for you!



## BHS Debate Team Crushed it at the last tournament!

BHS Debate team did it again and took home quite a few trophies!

Despite a 2.5 hour ride there, some very motion sick students, one kiddo coming down with the flu, getting left behind by the bus, and then having our bus break down and being stranded in Charlotte for what seemed like forever, we still crushed it!]

Out of fourteen teams:

Jackson Elder and Alden Wheeler took home 3rd place team

Julia Shannon Grillo and Genevieve Bogdanowicz took home 2nd place team

Out of twenty eight competitors:

Alden Wheeler took home 6th speaker

Jackson Elder took home 3rd speaker

And.... despite having his partner be too sick to compete in the final round...

Sabin Hart took home the 1st speaker award! Woot Woot!

Logan Steele was awarded the MSP (Most Sick Player) Award for sticking it out with us on our TWELVE HOUR journey!

This means that all of our debaters who competed this weekend brought home some sort of trophy or award! Go Seahorse Debate Team!



*Mrs. Pobric's Pre-Algebra  
students working hard!*

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## NEWS AND EVENTS



### SAVE THE DATE!

*Our annual One Act Play Festival will take place on three nights:*

**Wednesday, Feb 20**

**Thursday, Feb 21**

**Friday, Feb 22**

**@7PM in the  
Auditorium.**

*Come see the student written and directed plays and support our Drama Club.*

*You will be WOWED for sure!!*

### **FREE BHS T-shirts at Basketball Games!**

**F-R-E-E!! THAT SPELLS FREE!!**

Calling all BHS SEAHORSE FANS! We will be doing a **BHS T-SHIRT TOSS** at half time!

BHS Boys Basketball vs. SB on February 18 at 6:30 PM.

Be the lucky one to catch a BHS T-shirt :-)  
See you there!

## **BHS Personal Learning Plan (PLP) Updates**

Students in grades 9 -11 are required to have a Personal Learning Plan (PLP). The PLP serves many purposes for students at BHS. One of these purposes is directly connected to the BHS Graduate Expectations (GXs). Students graduating in the year 2020 and thereafter are required to demonstrate their evidence of learning in each of the 5 BHS Graduate Expectations(GXs): Critical Thinking & Problem Solving, Curiosity & Creativity, Cultural Understanding & Civic Engagement, Personal Development, and Effective Communication.



During the next 8 weeks students at BHS will experience a concentrated effort to help support documenting their GX Learning. Teachers in content areas have been assigned a timeframe to help provide PLP support in their classes. First up - Health, Phys Ed, and World Language Departments. Starting the week of February 4th Health, Phys Ed and World Language teachers will engage in conversations with students in their classes around PLPs and help support any documentation of work that has occurred in their classes.

Take some time to check out your student's PLP. If they haven't already, please ask your student to share their PLP google site with you.

Please look for more PLP updates in the next newsletter!

## **News from the Burlington Schools Food Project**

On Tuesday 2/12 the Burlington School Food Project (BSFP) welcomed local chef Jordan Ware (Hen of the Wood) to served up the students' favorite made-to-order stir-fry at the high school alongside Burlington's talented culinary staff. This event hoped to bring attention to the important role that school food has in our community. This also helped raise awareness for a BSFP event happening later this month. Along with Jaclyn Major from Butch and Babes BSFP is partnering in the "Love School Lunch" fundraiser scheduled for February 27th at Butch & Babes. The menu will be inspired by local cafeteria fare and give members of the community a chance to learn about BSFP hunger relief work and meal programs. No reservation required for this family friendly event and there is a discount for district employees with ID. Hope to see you there.

## **BHS Drama Club One Act Play Festival next week**

The BHS Drama Club's One Act Play Festival opens next Wednesday, February 20 at 7:00 in the auditorium and runs through Friday, February 22. There is a total of seven plays, five directed by students and two by teachers. Not every show will be performed each night. The One Act Festival is a chance for mostly senior members of the club to learn how to choose and cast a play as well as to design sets, lights and costumes, and to figure out how to make printed words in a script come to life on stage. We are fortunate this year not only that we have five capable student directors, but in addition to that we are producing three student written plays. Two Seniors, Zoe Koeninger and Isaac Jenemann and one Sophomore, Wyatt Hart have written three very thoughtful and entertaining pieces. Each piece deals with love in its' many aspects: love and truth, love and art, love and family. Please take an evening to come and support our students in the Arts. Curtain is at 7:00 Wednesday, Thursday and Friday and general admission is \$2.00. See you there!



NEWS AND  
EVENTS**PARENTS—  
PLEASE READ!  
\*\*Important  
info regarding  
pick up and  
drop off.\*\***

- *During Pick-up, please do NOT wait in between rows of cars. This is dangerous and has almost caused accidents.*
- *During Drop-off and pick-up, please do NOT idle. This is against VT law and bad for the environment.*
- *Parents are again using City Bluffs to drop students off, pick them up, and park on our property for events. City Bluffs is private property. Please do NOT do this.*

**Thank you for  
helping keep  
our community  
safe!!**

**PLEASE VOTE for our BTC Culinary Chefs!!!**

Today we were notified by City Market that BTC Culinary Arts Students have one of three recipes in the finals for the City Market Local Food Recipe Contest Featuring Sweet Potatoes. The item that was submitted was served as part of our health and wellness menu in December: Sweet Potato, Carrot, and Apple Soup with Roasted Masala Chick Peas. Winners will be determined by the amounts of votes each item receives during tastings listed below:

- **Friday, February 22: Voting & Sampling Top 3 Recipes Downtown & South End 11am-1pm**
- **Saturday, February 23: Voting & Sampling Top 3 Recipes at Winter Farmers Market 10am-2pm**

Please help spread the word. We would so appreciate your vote! Here is a [link](#) to the website about the contest and tastings.

**Students in Ms. Blethen's class sharing what they learned**

Learning about the Civil Right movement in Black History Month and spreading the word about history.

**Indoor Track Season Review**

The Burlington High School Men's and Women's Indoor Track team looks forward to the Division I State Meet on Feb 16th. The competition will be held at the University of Vermont Gutterson Fieldhouse from 1:00 pm to 7pm.

All winter, the Indoor Track team has been out and about on Bike Path and the roads of Burlington as they have trained throughout the season for the State Meet. Competition at UVM, Dartmouth, and Plymouth State have showcased incredible performances from the Seahorses, and the state meet offers the opportunity for Burlington athletes to challenge themselves against the best in the state and earn a spot at the New England Championships in Massachusetts.

In order to compete at the State Meet, an athlete needs to be among the top 12 of their track or field event. The following athletes have earned the distinction of being among the top 12 in their event, and are likely to represent BHS at the State Meet:

Olivia Calderin (9th), Lamija Semic (9th), Seth Harte (9th), Bassiru Diawara (10th), Wyatt Harte (10th), Charles Stewart (10th), Lucie Winrock (10th), Rubie Windrock (10th), Janvier Ntakirutimana (11th), Luken Kuntz (11th), Wondum Summa (11th), Giselle Rainville (12th), Ethan No (12th), Ethan Treadwell (12th), Simon Kissam (12th), Vaughn Martin (12th), Kent Ford (12th), Kayley Hays (12th).

The team has the ideal combination of upper-class leadership and experience as well as young talent that promises a bright future to the program. From day one, the team has practiced and competed at an extremely high level, and the number of students competing at the state meet, and the number within striking distance of walking away a Division I State Champion, is a testament to the work that they have done over the course of the season.



## SCHOOL NEWS AND OTHER INFORMATION

### **SHOUT OUT to our Penguin Plunge participants!!**

**They helped raise  
over \$4000 for the  
Special Olympics!**

**Josh Scheidt  
JP Bailly-Hall**

**Katie Comerford-Joyce**

**Kate Henry  
Sasha Hugo  
Ethan Tensel  
Isabelle Smith**

**Our Paras, Ashley  
Church, Meleody  
Greer, Mike Leonard**

**AND BHS Alum and  
Penguin Plunge  
Veteran, Howard  
Harper!**

**Click [here](#) for a  
VIDEO!!!**



**What do you want to  
do after  
school? Want to  
learn / make / do  
something new? Let's  
talk! Stay tuned for  
the weekly email to  
see what activities are  
happening each week.**

## **Therapy Dogs of Vermont visit BHS**

Ms. Austin and Ms. Boa's biology class recently finished projects on human body systems. While delving into the nervous system, we brought in Therapy Dogs of Vermont volunteers Gillie the Golden, and Mark Gabel, to talk about how therapy can be helpful for people in stressful situations. They were a hit!



## **Join the BHS Senior Girls Ice Hockey Team on 2/27**

We want to invite all of the students and staff to the girls Senior Ice Hockey Game on February 27th at Leddy Arena against Rice Memorial High School!!! The game starts at 4:30pm. We had a great crowd at our last game against rice and would love to have more students and staff to come cheer on the BC SeaLakers. One other thing I want everyone to know is that BC is 11-3-1 right now. This is our best record since we have been combined with Colchester High School. We would love to keep the support going especially throughout the playoffs!



## **PLP Workshops every Monday!**

Totally confused about how to start your PLP google site portfolio?  
Not sure what to include?  
Need help adding evidence of learning to meet GX requirements?  
Then this workshop is for you!

The PLP Workshop meets every Monday in Room D104 from 3:15-4:15pm. You don't need to preregister or sign up—just bring yourself, your questions, and a charged chromebook!

## **Did someone say Ice Cream Party?**



Here's a group photo of members from NHS and other BHS students representing BHS Heroes from the Polar Express this past December. These two groups raised the most money for a third year in a row, earning themselves another ice cream party and are the permanent recipients of the Polar Express Cup (aka, a trophy) with their name on it! Hopefully we can find a place to show off that trophy!

**Flyers are Included at End of This Newsletter!**

## **Burlington High School Installs Mamava Suite**

Burlington, Vermont – February 5, 2019 – Members of Seahorse Pride (the high school's PTO) are proud to announce, with a generous donation from Mamava and financial support from Seahorse Pride and the BHS community, the arrival of a Mamava suite on February 1. Mamava suites provide a clean, dignified, and private space for breastfeeding mothers to nurse their child or express milk. Seahorse Pride is excited to announce the installment of a Mamava suite as Seahorse Pride acknowledges that there are a number of employees at our school who need a private, clean, and aesthetically pleasing place to express milk.

*"We were unanimous in our decision to purchase a suite. Currently we have moms finding small dusty closets and hoping that no one walks in on them or tries to communicate with them through the door while they are pumping. This can be stressful, and the suite will provide privacy and cleanliness that working moms deserve. Thank you to the school administration for supporting this decision." Kate Stein, member of Seahorse Pride*

The suite will be located on the third floor of A building, outside the gymnasium. This space was chosen for its accessibility. Installation took place on February 1st, and the suite is up and running!

Created by Mamava, a company dedicated to transforming the culture of breastfeeding by making it easier for more women to achieve their breastfeeding goals, the Mamava suite is a self-contained, mobile pod with comfortable benches, a fold-down table, an electrical outlet for plugging in a breast pump, and a door that can be locked for privacy. The 4-foot by 8-foot pod is meant for individual use, but can fit more than one person, as well as mothers with babies and other children in tow.

"We're thrilled to support breastfeeding mamas at Burlington High School," said Sascha Mayer, co-founder and CEO of Mamava. "We believe that all mamas deserve a clean, comfortable, and dignified place to use a breast pump or breastfeed distraction-free—anywhere, anytime. Mamava pods provide flexibility for facilities and easy access for moms."

### **Burlington High School - Seahorse Pride**

52 Institute Drive, Burlington, VT 05408

### **About Mamava**

Based in Burlington, VT, Mamava is the expert in lactation space design, thoughtfully designing solutions for breastfeeding moms on the go. With both analog and digital products, Mamava products celebrate and support the 21<sup>st</sup> century breastfeeding mama. Mamava is mama-owned, made in America, and a proud member of the B Corp community. The Mamava app, free for [iOS](#) and [Android](#), helps moms find pumping and breastfeeding-friendly locations on-the-go, unlock Mamava suites through the proprietary Mamava Smart Lock, and find useful breastfeeding content. For more information, visit [www.mamava.com](http://www.mamava.com).

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