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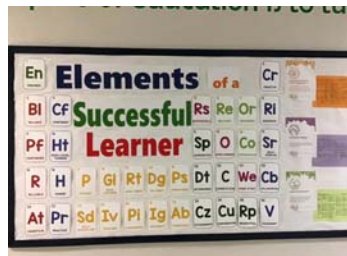
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Sat, 9/21, 8:00-11:00pm
BHS Gymnasium

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and Twitter!
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@PrincipalGre)**

Welcome back to School BHS!



Staff was busy getting ready for our students to come back! Ms. Skoglund spent time on the amazing, informative, bulletins boards to beautify BHS for the students. We are excited for another great year.

Welcome back, Seahorses! Let's make it a great year!



Administrative Corner, *Principal Noel Green*

As principal of Burlington High School, it is my pleasure to welcome everyone back for another great school year. Our goal is to build on the momentum created during the last school year as we aim to increase our partnership between school and home. We also continue to make it a priority to celebrate and value academic achievement for all of our students.

Our goal is to challenge each student to grow academically and to be college and/or career ready when they graduate. We will accomplish this goal by continuing our tradition of strong instruction while working together to offer a more similar experience across all courses. One strategy that we will emphasize, will be to increase writing across all of our curriculum. Over the summer, all schools received information from the Vermont Agency of Education identifying areas of strength and improvement. As a team, we have developed a plan of action to begin to address these our areas in need of improvement.

In order to make movement towards these academic goals, it is important to emphasize the value of strong school attendance. Students can not learn if they are not in class, and research proves that academic success is tied directly to student attendance. Here at BHS, we value the partnership and efforts that come with this priority of decreasing student time out of class. We have mutual goals in this regard, which means that we must rely on each other. BHS will commit to communicating with parents and families with attendance concerns, as well as provide support and resources for students who struggle with attendance. We appreciate your partnership in this and would like to ask you, our parents, guardians, and families to commit to the following:

- assist students to arrive at school at least 10 minutes before the first bell rings
- call the attendance office if students are late or absent for the day
- communicate with teachers about student attendance and academic progress

We value our students and all that they bring to school every day. Through building solid relationships based on Restorative Practices, we will provide an environment where all students feel supported by at least one adult in the building.



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Centennial Neighborhood Families BUS INFO *****Please read*****

Students from this neighborhood should take the Blue Line to the DTC and transfer to the Red Line to North Avenue to alight at BHS.

- Champlain Mill departure: 7:15 AM & 7:35 AM (students should be at Colchester Avenue bus stops around these times)
- Transit Center (transfer) 7:30 AM & 7:50 AM

Bus info in General

We are placing a heavy emphasis on student attendance and being on time. Please help us by ensuring that your students arrive at school **before 8 am**. This is a vital, life-skill that our students must learn. Students who ride the bus are encouraged to be aware of the bus schedule to avoid arriving after 8 am. GMT buses are not on a schedule to arrive at BHS at a particular time, therefore students need to be sure that the bus they are taking arrives before 8 am.

**Call GMT rides with
Questions: 802-864-2282**

IMPORTANT BSD Calendar Correction

We are reaching out because there is an error in the printed BSD wall calendar. Our designers accidentally listed April 17th as part of Spring Break. Please note that April 17th is actually a full day of school for students and teachers. It is not part of Spring Break. The actual Spring Break dates are Monday, April 20th to Friday, April 24.

We apologize that this was missed in our proofreading. We have communicated this to all schools and have uploaded new digital versions of the [English calendar](#) as well as [translated versions](#) to all District websites.

Again, all students and staff are expected to be in school on Friday, April 17th and we ask that you please mark your calendar appropriately. Thank you for understanding and for your attention to this matter.

The BSD Team

Annual Student Update—ACTION REQUIRED, Time Sensitive

Dear Families,

It is time for you to complete the online Annual Student Information Update for your student. The form asks you to update critical information, such as emergency contact information, medical information, etc.

Please go to the following [link](#) to Powerschool to update their information; if you do not already have an account in Powerschool (most of you do), then please refer to the directions below in order to create the account.

NOTE: If student information is not updated by Thursday, September 26 that student may not be allowed to return to school until their update is complete. If a student without updated information comes to school on September 26, they may be sent home.

If you have questions or need assistance, please contact BHS @ 864-8411.

Thank You!

A Short Note from the BHS Athletics Department

Did you know you can access all team rosters under the new Burlington Athletic Website from the game? Visit burlingtonathletics.com and select your team page to view schedules, rosters, and daily updates.

See you at the games!

Champlain Café Opening Very Soon!

October 4 is the opening day of the Champlain Café, BTC's student run café. The students are the chefs and the staff—it's amazing to watch! The menu will feature the fresh garden harvest from the BHS gardens. Check out the website for details. See you all soon!

National Drive Electric Event here at BHS, 9/20, 4:00-9:00pm

BHS Seahorse Pride and sponsor Burlington Electric Department are pleased to co-host a National Drive Electric Event in the field complex, Friday, September 20, 4:00-9:00. This event is part of a nationwide celebration to heighten awareness of today's availability of plug-in vehicles and highlight the benefits of all-electric and plug-in hybrid-electric cars, trucks, motorcycles, and more. They are fun to drive, are less expensive and more convenient to fuel than gasoline vehicles, are better for the environment, promote local jobs, and reduce our dependence on foreign oil. Are you, or is your family, considering going electric? Please take a moment to sit behind the wheel of one of the displayed vehicles, ask questions, and learn about BED "drive electric" incentives.



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IMPORTANT **CHANGE AT BHS**

We have a new member of our school community with severe seafood allergies. Each time someone with an allergy is exposed to an allergen it makes the reaction worse. In order to provide a healthy space where all students can learn, stay safe and be healthy, the school will become a **seafood free school**.

With this in mind, please ensure all snacks and lunches that your child brings to school do not contain the specific foods listed below.

Please note that foods that do not contain seafood or anchovies may be processed on equipment with these foods. Therefore, it is important to check food labels carefully.

Thank you for helping ensure that all of our students are safe!

BHS HEROES—Community Service Opportunities

As you know, you are expected to have at least **40 hours of community service** before you graduate. To help you achieve this goal, Ms Dupuis provides our student body with a variety of events throughout the year. These are not the only events that you have to participate in to accumulate hours, in fact, it is encouraged that you find other events to help you fulfill your hours.

Here are the first two opportunities for you. **Please read the information below, and if you are interested in one of these events, then email Ms. Dupuis stating which event you are interested in and what time.**

Color Run

- **When?** Saturday, September 28
- **Where?** Champlain Valley Expo Center (fair grounds)
- **Time?** There are THREE shifts:
 - 7:30-11:30 AM
 - 8 AM - 12:30 PM
 - 11 AM - 3 PM
- **What?** What you help out with depends on what shift you choose.
 - 7:30 shift: checking in runners
 - 8 shift: variety of ways to help out once the race has begun
 - 11 shift: clean-up crew

Empty Bowl Dinner by Spectrum

- **When?** Thursday, October 10
- **Where?** UVM Davis Center
- **Time?** 1-9PM
- **What?** There are many different ways that you can volunteer for this event. The shifts vary below:
 - 1-4:30 PM: set-up
 - 3-4:30 PM: food pick-up
 - 4:30-8 PM: serving food
 - 4:30-7:30 PM: food prep
 - 5-7:30 PM: hosting a donation table

Women Can Do! Career Immersion Experience

Women Can Do!

Thursday, October 17th at Vermont Technical College in Randolph Center. (This white day is an early release day for students.)

Women Can Do! is a one-day career immersion experience for 9-12th grade girls from across Vermont. It features dozens of hands-on workshops and action stations highlighting careers in the skilled trades and STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) fields.

Students interested in attending should see Mrs. Skoglund in A-320.

Registration forms are due Friday, September 20th.



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Girls Who Code and NCWIT Meetings Coming Up

The University of Vermont Girls Who Code club (for 6th-12th graders) will have its first meeting on Saturday, September 7th, and will run on Saturdays 10am-12pm on the UVM campus during the academic year. For more information, please contact Lisa

Dion: Lisa.Dion@uvm.edu.

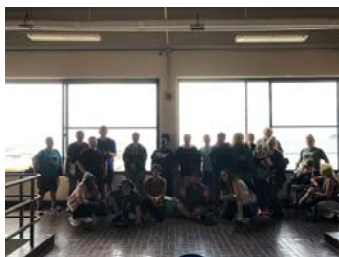
The National Center for Women & Information Technology (NCWIT) has an Aspirations in Computing Award. It is open to 9th-12th grade women to apply and the deadline is November 5th. You can find more information [here](#)

Also, see the flyers at the end of the newsletter for more info.

Life Science Students Visit Echo

Echo Trip and Burlington Water Facilities trip for Life Skills Science to learn about where our Burlington drinking water comes from, and issues and challenges for keeping Lake Champlain clean, as our drinking water mainly comes from the lake.

Check out our Life Science students learning in



BHS Family Open House and FREE Pasta Dinner for all!

Come enjoy a wonderful Free Pasta Dinner generously provided by Burlington School Food Service! It's a perfect time to visit and catch up with your favorite people and a great chance to make new friends! Have time to eat, relax and chat, before the workout of following your child/guardians class schedule and not have to worry about getting in trouble for chatting in the halls and being late for class. Then you can top the night off with a yummy treat from the **bake sale table!!** (Bake Sale by donation.)

OPEN HOUSE is Thursday, Sept 19 from 5:30—7:00 in the BHS Cafeteria.

Want to help? Donate FOOD OR BAKED GOODS to go with the dinner. (Please bring by 5pm, if possible.) Or donate YOUR TIME on the day of the event.

Please follow the link below and sign up on the Sign up Genius:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4BACAE29A6F94-bhsopen>

OR please contact Tammy Kuypers at kuypers5@yahoo.com

New Youth Activism Group at BHS

Want to make the world a better place? Look no further because now you can. Join the Youth Activism Group! This group will cover topics like Social Justice, Climate Change, Immigration reform, Political Action, and so much more. More information will be available at an orientation meeting on September 24th in C102. The meeting will start at 3:30 and end at around 5pm. Snacks will be provided. You can also email Jonathan for info about the group if you're unable to attend the meeting. His email is fabi-anj@bsdvt.org. He hopes you will take advantage of this amazing opportunity.



SCHOOL NEWS AND OTHER INFORMATION

The Burlington School Food Project is hiring!

Do you love cooking or want to learn more? Do you love kids? Then we want to hear from you! School kitchen positions start at \$15.23 (is that the rate?), have flexible hours, and follow the BSD calendar. Apply on School Spring today! Questions? Contact schoolfood@bsdvt.org



*Have an idea for an
afterschool
activity? Let's start
one! I'd love to hear
your idea and help
get it off the ground!*
**Students,
Faculty and Staff!**
*Come and see me,
Sheryl Haiduck, in
room D210 or email
shaiduck@bsdvt.org.*



BHS Expanded Learning

Hello BHS! Here are some awesome opportunities coming up for you in the near future.

Homework Center is now open **Monday -Thursday from 3:05 - 5** in the Library. Math and EL tutors will be available to help you with your homework! Or if you're just looking for a quiet place to get some work done, the Homework Center is the place.

Interested in Japan? Does your family want to host a Japanese student in October? Do you then want to visit Japan? Come to the information session on **Thursday 9/12 + Thursday 9/19 at 3:05-3:25 in D203.**

Would you like to take **College Classes** during the school day at BHS and get credit? Check in with your Guidance Counselor and ask them about the CCV classes being offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays right here at BHS! This semester CCV is offering 2 classes. Introduction to Business and American Sign Language. Take advantage of this amazing new opportunity!

Attention **English Language Learners**, Our L.E.A.D. program begins this week. **LEAD (Literacy! Empowerment! Action! Development!)** brings UVM Education majors to BHS. The UVM students are eager to work on literacy and leadership skills with current BHS English Language students. LEAD will meet in **D200 on Wednesdays from 3:05 - 4:15.**

The **International Club** would like to invite you to their **coffee and chats** on **Friday morning** in Frau's classroom.

Curious about a **career in Health**? Representatives from the HERO (Health Education Resource Opportunity) Program will be in the cafeteria 3rd Block on Thursday. Come say hello, sign up for the information session, and try to use the laparoscopic surgical simulator.

Need a job? Want to go back to middle school? Have an interest that you want to share? Edmunds Middle School is looking for Youth Workers in their Afterschool Program. Check out the flyer at the end of this email for more information.

And keep your ears open for more info on many more clubs and opportunities offered to BHS students! Have fun, BHS!

Burlington City and Lake Program already in the News!

BHS' city-based program, *The Burlington City & Lake Semester*, was recently featured in Seven Days! The article captures the spirit of this unique learning environment, and includes many student perspectives. If you haven't seen the article, check it out by clicking [HERE](#). The Seven Days reporter, Courtney Lamdin, was also interviewed about the program [on WCAX](#).

If you're interested in learning more about the program, feel free to visit the program's website: btvcityandlake.org. Or contact Dov Stucker (dstucker@bsdvt.org), Peter McConville (pmcconvi@bsdvt.org), Signe Daly (signedaly44@gmail.com) or Andy Barker (andy.barker.vt@gmail.com).



Flyers are Included at End of This Newsletter!

See Mrs. Skoglund in A-320 to register before Friday, September 20, 2019

WOMEN CAN DO!

a conference promoting
STEM & Trades careers



HOW DO YOU WANT TO CHANGE THE WORLD?

Discover the Possibilities at Women Can Do!

Women Can Do is packed with hands-on workshops in science, technology, engineering, math, and skilled trades professions.



FOR MORE INFO:

802.655.8900 x104

womencando@vtworksforwomen.org

vtworksforwomen.org/womencando



**VERMONT
WORKS
FOR WOMEN**

10.17.19

**Vermont Technical
College in Randolph**



Come learn to code and change the world...

Join a Girls Who Code Club!

WHAT IS A GIRLS WHO CODE CLUB?

Girls Who Code Clubs are meant for girls to join our sisterhood of supportive peers and role models, and use Computer Science to change the world. When you join a Club, you will be able to learn from fun and simple online coding tutorials, build community through interactive activities, and learn about inspiring role models. You then work in teams to design and build a Girls Who Code Project that solves real world problems you care about through code!

WHAT WILL I LEARN?

Our middle and high school Clubs encourage you to impact your community in a positive way through code. In order to build the skills you need to make an impact, you will learn how to code from our fun online tutorials and activities that will help you build animations, games, apps, and other things that you dream up! We have tutorials in Scratch, Python, HTML/CSS, JavaScript, and in a block-based app development language called Thunkable.

CAN I JOIN?

Yes! Whether you're a beginner or a computer master, you're invited to join the movement!

POINT OF CONTACT: Lisa Dion (Lisa.Dion@uvm.edu)

DATES: Saturdays

TIMES: 10am-12pm

HOW TO SIGN UP: Email Lisa Dion: Lisa.Dion@uvm.edu



The Burlington High School girls soccer team is working on a project to raise awareness of the gender wage gap, and we'd love your support. We were inspired by the U.S. Soccer Women's National Team's efforts to achieve equal pay for equal work. We've teamed up with Change The Story, an initiative of the Vermont Women's Fund, Vermont Works for Women, and the Vermont Commission on Women, to create a special run of Nike jerseys with #EqualPlayEqualPay on the front.

From Varsity Girls Soccer team member Lydia Sheeser: "The idea is to wear these jerseys at a game, or event, and invite the community to come out and buy the shirts, and wear them in support of gender equality. We are looking for local businesses to sponsor these jerseys, and make a donation to our cause. We partnered with Change The Story, an initiative to advance women's economic status in Vermont. CTS conducted research on the status of women statewide, and we want to share a few of the statistics we found most shocking:

- Women in VT make 84 cents to every dollar men make. For women of color, the wage gap is much larger.
- The wage gap follows women throughout their whole lives, so women in retirement in VT draw half the social security benefits that men do.
- The wage gap translated into annual income: means women make \$8000 less a year than men do. For a family of four, \$8000 could buy 25 weeks of groceries, or 6 weeks of childcare for two children.

We are starting small, and we are hoping this will continue into a movement across VT. We've invited the BHS boys soccer team to participate with us, as well as other BHS students and we are opening this opportunity up to students across Vermont, and the community at large."

There are a number of ways to support this effort:

- You can become a sponsor (no amount too small!) to help defray the cost of our jerseys.
- You can purchase your own jersey when they come out (cost will be no more than \$30)
- You can give the effort a shoutout on your social media:
 - Facebook/Instagram: @burlingtongirlssoccer @ChangeTheStoryVT
 - Twitter: @ChangeStoryVT

For more information or to support our efforts, contact Lydia Sheeser: sheeserl@bsdvt.org

THANK YOU!





CALLING ALL hackers, coders, and technical 9th-12th grade students who self-identify as women, genderqueer, or non-binary.

Apply for the NCWIT Award
for Aspirations in Computing
www.aspirations.org

For more information, contact:

Lisa Dion (Lisa.Dion@uvm.edu)

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The entire Aspirations in Computing program platform is supported generously by Apple. Aspirations in Computing also receives support for specific national program elements. The Cognizant U.S. Foundation provides broad support for growing the Aspirations program in strategic regional efforts. The NCWIT Award for Aspirations in Computing is supported by Bank of America.



WANTED



SCHOOL CROSSING GUARDS

NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY
WILL TRAIN

\$28.39 PER DAY

\$141.94 PER WEEK

**APPROXIMATELY 7.5 HOURS
PER WEEK**

Applications for this position are now only accepted on-line at
<https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/burlingtonvt>
This site can also be accessed from the City of Burlington
website by selecting 'Jobs' at the top of the page.



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AND
HELP YOURSELF!



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The City is also committed to providing proper access to services, facilities, and employment opportunities. For accessibility information or alternative formats, please contact the City's Human Resources Department at 865-7145.

2019-2020
school year

WE'RE!
HIRING

**EMS Afterschool
Youth Staff**

Chess Club

**Dungeons &
Dragons**

Youth Council

Jr. Iron Chef

LEGO Robotics

\$10.50 / hour

Available positions:
MON, TUES, WED, THURS
3:30 - 5:00 pm

Contact EMS Afterschool Site Director
Laura Wageman at Lwageman@bsdvt.org