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# CONNECTIONS

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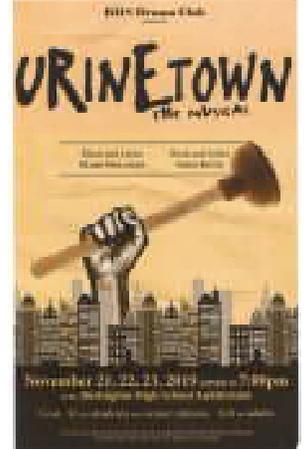
## **BREAKING NEWS! BHS Drama Club AMAZES the Audience!**

The cast and crew of URINETOWN wowed the audience with the dark humour and hilarious content. One of the best musicals yet! Urinetown is a satire possibly poking fun at society today with upbeat music and amazing dancing. Thanks to the talented cast from the BHS Drama Club and to all the adults who made it happen!

A huge shout out to Frau Leesa Guay-Timpson without whom this would never have come to fruition. Her complete dedication is what make this club tick! Shout outs to Tammy Ledoux-Moody for being the best supporting director, and to Colby Skogulnd who is the master of lights and sound and everything else! Also a big thanks to Billy Ray Poli and his amazing pit band which included our own Clayton Hamilton, Meredith Miller and the former music teacher, Ed Owens! And to Jessica Smith-Lane who no longer has kids at BHS but she thankfully comes back every year to be a huge supporter and deal with costumes, ticket sales, and the like.

And the HUGEST Thank you and Kudos to the cast and crew of the BHS Drama Club! You rocked the house!!!

Thanks to anyone else I have forgotten for helping make BHS an amazing school to grow in!



## **Burlington City and Lake Invites YOU to their Mural Reveal**

BCL 3 Is hosting a family friendly community art event on Wednesday, December 11th from 6:00 - 7:30 pm at the Old North End Community center at 20 Allen St. (The old St. Joe's building.) There will be a mural reveal and a live art demonstration brought to us by local muralist and street artist Will Kasso Condry and by the BCL students. Some food and hot drinks will be available at the event.

Hope to see you there!





UPCOMING  
EVENTS

**BHS is Asking for Report Card Feedback from YOU**

Hello BHS students, families, and friends,  
Thank you for taking time to look at the updated report card at teacher conferences. Please take a few minutes to provide your feedback on our new and improved report card. If you have questions, please reach out to Jocelyn Fletcher Scheuch, PBL Coordinator @ [jfletche@bsdvt.org](mailto:jfletche@bsdvt.org).  
Link: <https://forms.gle/LV9QXJ4J8UzLEHuX7>

**BHS Health Office Seeking Some Simple Items**

The BHS Health Office is seeking donations of tea and honey and clean, gently used stretchy pants/sweatpants for our students. Please keep us in mind when cleaning out closets.



Thank you!!

**Vermont-NEA Mini-grant Award Winner Here at BHS!**

Congratulations to Clayton Hamilton for being selected as one of the 2019-2020 mini grant award winner! His submission for *Organizing the Percussion Section* displays his excellence in education for all students. He was awarded \$500 to use for his project. Go, Clayton!

**Hunt and Edmunds Students Under the Lights at BHS**

Seahorse Pride welcomed our Middle School Teams for a night "Under the Lights." Every athlete enjoys playing on our BHS turf field and they were all offered a free hotdog and drink from the snack shack.

Welcome to BHS, future Seahorses!



**Champlain Café Staff Appreciation Lunch**

On Friday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> from 11:00-1:00 BTC Culinary Arts Students offered all BHS/BTC teachers and staff a buffet lunch. It was delicious! Non perishable goods and monetary donations were requested from staff to support the Chittenden Food Shelf and our families in need during the winter. Thank you, BTC Culinary Arts Team!



### General Bus Info

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**



## UVM Sophomore Summit Well Attended by BHS Students

On Tuesday, October 29th, over 40 students from the sophomore class attended The University of Vermont's Sophomore Summit. BHS students joined other sophomores from around the state to explore what life is like on a college campus and learn how they can shape the next few years of their high school experience to set themselves up for post-secondary success.

Their day began with student led tours of the UVM campus; where they had the chance to visit a dormitory room, check out each of the different academic colleges, hear about UVM clubs and sit in a theater style classroom. Following their tour, students met at the Davis Center to spend time in small groups with current University of Vermont students. They heard first hand accounts of how each of these students ended up at UVM, what their lives were like on campus and advice they had for our students when planning for their futures. An all-you-care-to-eat lunch was enjoyed in the Harris Millis Dining Hall and the day wrapped up with the UVM Admissions office speaking about what they look for in potential applicants. It was an incredible experience that opened our students eyes to the many possibilities that college can provide.



## College Admissions Essay Help Offered Every Tuesday & Thursday

**Attention Seniors and Juniors:** Need help with college admissions essays? Confused about financial aid? Want support figuring out which schools to apply for? How about a few ACT/SAT practice sessions? College Prep Program (CPP) meets every Tuesday and Thursday after school in C102 at 3:15. Working with the Guidance Office, CPP is taught by Jayna Ahsaf, a BHS and UVM grad who's been in your shoes!

CPP aims to create a space that supports students with achieving their educational goals. The program is designed to help lead you through the complete process; assisting with admissions essays, college visits, SAT/ACT prep, or with whichever area you need the most assistance with. Our goal is to make you familiar and comfortable with **all** steps, so no matter what you need or where you are in the process, we've got you covered!

## Junior Iron Chef Annual Competition Coming Up

The Let's Get Cooking! Club has been meeting on Mondays, alternating between the commercial kitchen of the Champlain Cafe and the kitchens in the health kitchen classroom of D106. We're starting to plan for Junior Iron Chef in March. There are still a few spots open in the cooking club, but if you want to compete for Junior Iron Chef, you've got to join now!



If you want to join or have questions, email Sheryl Haiduck at [shaiduck@bsdvt.org](mailto:shaiduck@bsdvt.org) and she can help. All are welcome!



SCHOOL NEWS  
AND OTHER  
INFORMATION



**BHS**

**Shout Out**

To Laura Weiscotton  
and the BRIDGE  
team for their deli-  
cious Thanksgiving  
feast!

It was great to see  
the students helping  
out with preparing  
and getting ready  
and then sharing a  
meal together.



*Have a safe and  
happy  
Thanksgiving  
week,  
BHS Community!*

**VT State Athletic Director's Leadership Conference**

I had the pleasure to attend the Vermont State Athletic Director's Student Athlete Leadership Conference with 5 student athletes from here at Burlington High School. The 5 student athletes are 12th graders at BHS except for one: Janvier Ntakirutimano, Hannah Hershberg, Olivia Maher, Julius Dodson, and Paige Moody, 10th grade. This is the 26th year of the Leadership Conference. There were about 250 student athletes and 50 coaches and athletic directors who attended this conference. It was a great opportunity for all these student athletes. I would recommend coaches to nominate a player from their team who wants to become a better leader! Molly DiMasi



Hannah Hershberg said of the conference:

"I thought that the conference was a great opportunity. We were able to hear from several influential people on how to lead our teams in the right direction. Being able to meet new people, and work together with some of our potential rival schools was great. I was able to take new skills not only from the presenters at this conference but from other students around Vermont. Mental health was a huge aspect during this conference, and I am really excited to host a Hope Happens Here game this season."

Janvier Ntakirutimano 12th grade said:

"It was a great experience. A community of leaders showing great examples amongst their peers. It was a great way to meet new people with similar interests but share a different story of their own. Wish I could do it again."

Paige Moody 10th grade said:

"The speeches were motivational and made you want to get up and do something about it right then and there. All student athletes should get a chance to go so they can see the reasoning behind the sport."

**A BHS/BTC Student to be Named VT 2020 Presidential Scholar**

Helen Worden, a student nominated by Ashley Stagner in BTC's Design & Illustration program, was selected as a **Vermont 2020 Presidential Scholar**. Congratulations to both Helen, a BHS student, and Ashley!

Thank you, Ashley, for your dedication to your program, and passion for supporting your students' goals and dreams.

Helen and Ashely received a letter and formal invitation to the awards ceremony at the VT State House in January. Helen also received congratulations from both the VT Agency of Education and from BTC this afternoon.

This is certainly something to celebrate!



**IMPORTANT  
DISTRICT  
DATES**

**Important  
Districtwide  
Date for  
December**

**"Run, Hide, Fight"  
Community Forum**

**December 11.** Click the link for more info:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/844548555994668>

<https://www.bsdt.org/2019/11/21/run-hide-fight-community-forum/>

**Hope to see you there!**



## **Samsung Solve for Tomorrow Contest State Finalists**

Earlier this fall, two of Colby Skoglund's classes brainstormed an idea for the **Samsung Solve for Tomorrow** contest that challenges students in grades 6-12 to show how STEM can be applied to help improve their local communities. Our students identified our long lunch lines as an area they feel could be improved with technology. Today, Samsung announced that from over 2,000 applications just 300 schools were identified as state finalists... Burlington High School was one of five Vermont schools named! My classroom has won a Samsung tablet and we are moving on to the next round which will narrow the field to 100 schools. This phase will require students to develop an action plan to bring their concept to life. It is my hope that students will work with both their peers and our food services department to refine their idea. The other Vermont schools are Essex High, Harwood Union, St. Albans City School, and Hartford High.

Thank you to the following students who were involved in the discussions that shaped our proposal: Hawa Abdi, Olivia Calderin, Will Clarke, Josue Correa, Cristian Farrington, Cecilia Field, Alexandria Hugo, Rita Icimpaye, Owen Jolly, Grace Kahl, Quinn Lansbury, Takoda LaPierre, Quincy Massey-Bierman, Najma Malawia, Paige Moody, Mark Munson-Warnken, Misky Noor, Caleb Ploesser, Riley, Poquette, Trent Poulin, Dahlia Rubin, Layla Sehic, Eamon Smith, Ceclie Yangambi.

Congrats to Ms Skoglund and her students!

## **2020 VT Entrepreneurship Week Competition Coming Soon**

Open to all students in grades 9-12. There are two categories. The first is Bumper Sticker/T-Shirt and the second is Mini YouTube Video— Public Service Announcement . Submission must be received by December 13, 2019.

Please go to [www.vtsbdc.org](http://www.vtsbdc.org) for more information.

## **Annual Student Update—ACTION REQUIRED, Time Sensitive**

It is important that we have updated information for every student including yours. The form asks you to update critical information such as emergency contact information, medical information, etc. We need this info in case of an EMERGENCY.

If you have not done so already, 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 that student may not be allowed to return to school until their update is complete.**

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

## **Nepali and Bhutanese Open Dance Competition Won by BHS!**

A group of three BHS girls, Asmita Magar, Champa Gurung, and Barsha Khanal, and a girl from Hunt Middle School, Jevika Khanal, won the cover dance competition organized by RBNK Dance Studio, in Fargo ND. These girls are from the Nepali speaking Bhutanese Community from Burlington. This was an online competition open to everyone and there were participants from the USA, Canada and Nepal. Our girls won the cash prize of \$600 and advance scholarship from the RBNK Dance Studio, USA.

Congrats to all the girls! It is a beautiful dance!

If you haven't watched the dance, please watch at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ntgpnb3xW34>



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## BHS Holiday Webstore is Now Live! Shop for the Holidays!

It is getting cold out , how about getting a warm sweatshirt or hat from the BHS Webstore. Check out all the awesome gear that you can choose from! There is no shipping charge, all orders go directly to BHS! Thanks for your support!

Here is the link to get to the store:

<https://ptsteam.com/index.php?route=product/category&path=2567>

Username is: Burlington

Password is: Seahorse19



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## Two Community Service Opportunities

There are **two community service opportunities** coming up in December. Please read the details below and respond as needed to Ms.Dupuis at [bhsheroes@bsdvt.org](mailto:bhsheroes@bsdvt.org).

The first is **The Vermont International Festival December 6-8.**

- **What?** A three day celebration of world cultures through crafts, food and entertainment. Volunteers are needed throughout the entire weekend at various times and for various events.
- **Where?** Champlain Valley Fairgrounds -- The Expo Center
- **When?** December 6-8
- **How?** If you are interested, then please email Ms. Dupuis at [bhsheroes@bsdvt.org](mailto:bhsheroes@bsdvt.org) with details about how you would like to help and what times you are able to volunteer based on these options:
- Volunteer options: Selling tickets, Staffing craft booths and helping vendors, Selling food tokens, Food court clean-up
- **Volunteer shifts:** Friday 5-8pm, Saturday 10am-12:30pm, 12:30-3pm, 3-6pm, Sunday 10am-12:30pm, 12:30-3pm, 3-5pm

The second is **Polar Express Elves.**

- **What?** Be an elf for the Polar Express, hosted by the Vermont Children's Trust Foundation!
- **Where?** One Main Street
- **When?** Saturday, December 14 from 10:30am-4pm
- **How?** Please email Ms. Dupuis at [bhsheroes@bsdvt.org](mailto:bhsheroes@bsdvt.org) if you are interested in volunteering for this event

Thanks to our BHS Heroes for volunteering to help our community!

**Flyers are included at end of this newsletter!**