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# CONNECTIONS

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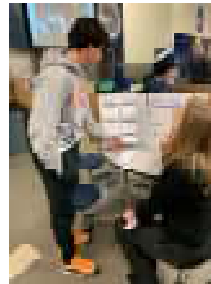
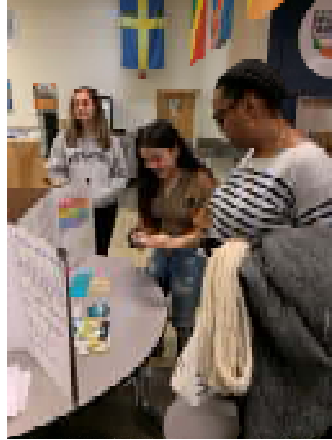
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## BHS Raise Awareness Health Fair had an AMAZING Turnout!

Thank you to all the students, family & community members that came to the Raise Awareness Health Fair! We had a fantastic turnout. Health students were able to raise awareness about their important topics to many people. Love to spread the knowledge—thanks, Health Students!



## Winter Ball Coming Up!

**When?** Saturday, February 8, 2020  
8-11 PM

**Where?** DoubleTree by Hilton  
870 Williston Rd., Burlington, VT

**Who?** Grades 9-12

**Cost?** \$15/person

Cash or checks are accepted.

Checks must be made out to BHS Student Planning.

**Tickets will be sold during all three lunches  
from Monday, January 27 through Wednesday, February 5.**

Students who wish to bring a non-BHS guest must get a **dance guest form** from Ms. Giallorenzo in the Main Office. Completed forms are due by **Friday, January 24, 2020.**

Please contact Ms. Dupuis ([fdupuis@bsdvt.org](mailto:fdupuis@bsdvt.org)) with any questions regarding the Winter Ball.



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## **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>

Please see the visual images at the end of this newsletter. Thank you!

## **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!!



## **BHS Register Awarded for Courage in Student Journalism**

On November 23, BHS Register editor Julia Shannon-Grillo traveled to Washington, D.C., to receive the 2019 Courage in Student Journalism Award on behalf of the BHS Register. The award is jointly sponsored by the [Student Press Law Center](#), the [Center for Scholastic Journalism](#) (CSJ) at Kent State University and the [National Scholastic Press Association](#). A plaque and check for \$1,000 was presented at the National High School Journalism Convention, which drew 6,200 attendees.

Congratulations to the BHS Register Reporters and team!



## **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. Per the Superintendent , your student may be held out of class until you update this IMPORTANT information.**

If you have questions or need assistance, please contact BHS @ 864-8411. We are happy to help you get this done!

Thank You!



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## Important Information from the Counseling Department

### Thursday, 1/16, 6-8:30PM - Gap Year Fair in the BHS Cafeteria and Auditorium

Vermont high school students will have the opportunity to learn more about Gap Year options at the 2020 Burlington Gap Year Fair. The fair, hosted by USA Gap Year Fairs, opens with an informational talk and then offers students the chance to meet with volunteer, travel and internship representatives from scores of international and domestic organizations. For more information, visit [usagapyearfairs.org](http://usagapyearfairs.org).

### Friday, 1/17, 8AM - Senior Cap and Gown Meeting in BHS Auditorium

Matt Oberkrieser our representative from Jostens (our cap and gown and yearbook representative) will give a brief presentation regarding the process for ordering caps and gowns and hand out paperwork. He will return in February to collect the paperwork. This is **your opportunity** to get the information you need for ordering your caps and gowns. We will be taking attendance to make sure that everyone has the information they need for graduation.

## Champlain Café Ramping it Up in the New Year!

Happy New Year! The Champlain Café will be open for lunch from 11:50 until 1:00pm on the following dates for the 2020 school year:

January 17th Australia Day Menu (January 21st) (All tips go to the [Australian Red Cross](http://www.ausaid.gov.au/redcross))

January 24th Lunar New Year Menu (January 25th)

February 7th Slovenia Culture Day Menu (February 8th)

February 14th Nepal National Day Menu (February 19th)

February 21st Mardi Gras Menu (February 25th)

March 5th Congolese Women's Day Menu (March 8th)

March 12th Hungarian Revolution Day (March 15th)

March 19th St. Patrick's Day Menu (March 17th)

April 9th Celebrate the Islands of the Caribbean Menu

April 16th Old Fashioned Barbeque Menu

May 1st Cinco de Mayo Menu (May 5th)

May 15th Spring Celebration Menu

Thank you for your continued support and we hope to see you soon!

## Seahorse Pride Updates

Family season passes now on sale at home games at the discounted price of only \$40!!!

The purchase of this pass will give you and your entire family entry to home games at BHS for the rest of the school year (not including VPA run tournament events).

Come cheer on our Seahorse athletes and get your season pass today!

Check the BHS website calendar for game days and times.

We always welcome new faces and regulars alike to help sell snacks during the games. Email us at [Seahorsepride@gmail.com](mailto:Seahorsepride@gmail.com) to sign up or just stop by and say hi and introduce yourself! Our proceeds go to support students in all areas of education at BHS, not just athletics.

Our next meeting is Monday January 13. The time has been changed to 5 pm (instead of our usual 6 pm) because of home games scheduled for that evening. You can find us down by the gym if you'd like to join us or stop by.

See you in the Reef!

Go Seahorses!!



### 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**



## An Update on Personal Learning Plans

We are in the process of assigning advisors to seniors. Your Advisor will reach out to you by the end of December. PLP Support After School is on Mondays from 3:10 - 4:10 starting 12/16. **The location may change, please see after school activity email and bulletin board (in A building outside bathrooms) for location.** PLP Supports also happen during FLEX DAYS - Tuesdays and Wednesdays - **please sign up**. Not sure how? Email Mrs. Botelho. Advisors will start meeting with Seniors in January.

### PLP Resources and Documents

- Senior Timeline with GX Worksheet [\[link\]](#)
- Graduate Expectation (GX) Rubrics - use these for reflections [\[link\]](#)
- Simplified GX Rubrics - *I can statements* - good to use for reflections as well [\[link\]](#)
- How to Get Started Adding Evidence [\[link\]](#)



Again, please email Mrs. Botelho with any questions at

## The Girls Go CyberStart Challenge is Back!

For the past two years, BHS finished in the top 3 for the state of Vermont and top 50th in the nation with over 8500 participants! We are hoping to continue our success again this year and would like you to be a part of our team! **If you are interested, please email Ms. Skoglund at [cskoglun@bsdvt.org](mailto:cskoglun@bsdvt.org).**

### You should play the Girls Go CyberStart challenge if...

- You identify as female
- You are at least 13 years old by Dec 2, 2019
- You like solving puzzles
- You are curious about cybersecurity
- You like winning cool prizes—at least 10 high school females in the state of Vermont will win \$500 scholarships!
- You are interested in saving the world

### Do I need to know coding, hacking, or computer security to be able to play CyberStart?

No! No prior computer knowledge is needed and students from all educational backgrounds are welcomed. Do you enjoy solving problems, logically working through challenging tasks and learning new skills? Then you have what you need to succeed at CyberStart!

### When does Girls Go CyberStart begin/end and how can I participate?

The challenge is a bit different this year with four stages...

**The first stage is expressing your interest in playing. You can do this TODAY by visiting this [link](#).**

The second stage is called **CyberStart Access** and it begins ON **January 13 and ends on January 31, 2020**. This initial assessment invites you to take on a set of fun, interactive challenges that represent realistic scenarios and threats faced by practitioners in the field of cybersecurity.

To make it to stage three, five BHS students need to complete at least six challenges during CyberStart Access. Stage three is **CyberStart Game**. This Game is open from **February 10 to April 2, 2020**. Focusing on self-learning, CyberStart Game uses hundreds of online challenges to develop interest in security disciplines, such as Linux, cryptography and programming. This stage will award at least 10 females in Vermont with \$500 scholarships.

The final stage is **CyberStart Compete**. The competition takes place from **April 23 to April 24, 2020**. The top schools in each state will be invited to select up to four girls to participate in CyberStart Compete, an online Capture the Flag competition. Teams will compete against all other schools nationally to win prizes!