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# THE REEF

Burlington High School's E-Newsletter

## Wick Recognized as a National Merit Scholar Semifinalist

Burlington High School senior Alex Wick has been recognized as a semifinalist in the 2021 National Merit Scholarship Program. BHS is one of only 16 schools in the state to have a student recognized as a semifinalist.

Over 1.5 million juniors in nearly 21,000 high schools entered the 2021 National Merit Scholarship Program by taking the 2019 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT). From that number, 16,000 students, approximately one percent of the total, are named as semifinalists. About 15,000 of those students are expected to advance to the finalist level. Merit Scholar designees are selected based on their skills, accomplishments, and potential for success in rigorous college studies, without regard to gender, race, ethnic origin, or religious preference.

Alex's AP Calculus teacher, Mr. Amoah, had this to say about him: "In my AP calculus course last year, he readily assisted and collaborated with his peers in solving challenging problems. Alex is not afraid to take risks in the classroom. Mr. Wick's ability to comprehend complicated structures and concepts in mathematics is a testament to his preparation and persistence."



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## ***PRINCIPAL'S CORNER***

*Principal Noel Green*

Hello, Seahorse Nation!

The leaves are turning, the weather is getting colder, and another week of remote learning has gone by. We are seeing some really creative classrooms popping up on and off campus. Mr. Poli held the first pop-up chorus concert on September 30th outside at BHS, the Art Department held their materials pick up and check in outside this week, and our Student Support Staff (LeVar, Carrie, Vincent, and Molly) have all been helping students get their textbooks and tech needs met. If there's one thing I know to be true about this community of teachers, staff, and students, it's that we continue to be flexible and creative!

We have some exciting news in the Drama department. Ms. Tammi Ledoux-Moody will be taking over as Director of Drama at BHS, filling the shoes of her long-time mentor and Drama partner-in-crime, Frau. The first virtual meeting for the Drama Club will be Tuesday, October 13th. Check out the BHS ELO and Clubs page (link in the Extracurriculars section) for more info. Congratulations, Tammi!

Next week, October 13th - October 16th, the Student Planning Club will be putting on our first Spirit Week of the year. The schedule can be found in the "Horsin' Around" section of this newsletter, and there will be prizes for participation. Show us your spirit by dressing retro for Decade Day (Tuesday), decking out in your class color (Thursday), and rocking your Seahorse Swag (Friday). Jersey Day (Wednesday), you know I'll be swagged out in my best Lakers gear! (Remember - there is *no school Monday, October 12th*, in celebration of Indigenous People's Day.)

With that, this is Mr. Green signing off. Be safe, work hard, stay kind, and keep swimming.

Go Seahorses!

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# *SEAHORSE SPOTLIGHT*

## New Faculty and Staff - Part I



**Alex Macomber, English**

I am so excited to be here at BHS and working with this incredibly talented student population. I love teaching and getting to know new students and watching them succeed. I am always up for talking about Disney, reality TV, and good books. I am looking forward to getting back into our building so I can see my students in person and continue learning and growing with them.



**Laura Sercel, History**

Ms. Sercel is very excited to be back and teaching at BHS! Five years ago, Ms. Sercel completed her UVM student teaching internship at BHS. She spent the last two years teaching in Merrimack, New Hampshire, but always desired to return back to the beautiful Green Mountain State! In addition to being a social studies teacher, Ms. Sercel is also a certified yoga teacher. In her free time, she likes to hike around Vermont, spend time with her niece and nephew and cook vegan meals.



**Brooke Hoyt, Office Manager**

Ms. Hoyt started at BHS on Friday, March 13th, two days before we shut down for COVID-19. Despite what she describes as the weirdest start to a new job ever, Ms. Hoyt couldn't be happier as the new face in the front office and can't wait to get to know all of the staff and students this year.

Ms. Hoyt lives in Burlington with her husband and their two dogs, Khali and Copper. She loves knitting, field hockey, tattoos, Batman, coffee, writing, and all things true crime related.

## *NEXT WEEK'S SEAHORSE SPOTLIGHT:*

## New Faculty and Staff - Part III

Nora LaCasse, Computer Science | Melyssa Sweet, School Psychologist | Jennifer Richter, Director of SUCCEED



## Extra Curriculars

ENRICH YOUR EXPERIENCE



Click [here](#) for a complete list of Expanded Learning Opportunities and BHS Clubs - updated regularly!

Attention **BHS Drama Club** Members (all new and returning members): If you are interested in being a part of any aspect of the Drama Club (acting, set design, crew, etc.), please join us for an informational meeting to find out more about what we'll be doing and how you can participate. Our first kick-off meeting will be on Tuesday, October 13th from 3-4:30.

Please use the following link to join the Google Meet: [meet.google.com/qjr-teku-cyp](https://meet.google.com/qjr-teku-cyp)

If you have any questions, or are interested but cannot attend the meeting, please send an email to Ms. Ledoux at [tledoux@bsdvt.org](mailto:tledoux@bsdvt.org).

Hope to see you soon! - Ms. Ledoux



Are YOU the next Tony Hawk? Do you love to skateboard? Would you be stoked on a skateboard club at BHS?

Fill out the Skateboard Club Questionnaire [here](#) to have your voice heard to kick off the Skateboard Club! (You will need to login with your BSD account to access the form!)



Click  
HERE for  
full BHS  
Calendar

### IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

**10/12** - NO SCHOOL (Indigenous People's Day)

**10/21** - Parent/Teacher Conferences (details to come) - VIRTUAL

**11/4** - END OF QUARTER 1



# ATHLETICS

## BOYS VOLLEYBALL

### ACTION



Boys Volleyball had a great showing against Essex this week.

While the outcome was not in our favor (3-0), the team was strong and worked well together.

Seahorse Nation is proud of our Volleyball Boys!



Click [here](#) for the full BHS Athletics Calendar



# HORSIN' AROUND

## SPIRIT WEEK: OCTOBER 13TH - 16TH

Brought to you by the Student Planning Club!

**Monday-- No school** (Indigenous People's Day)

**Tuesday--**Decade Day (dress from a different decade)

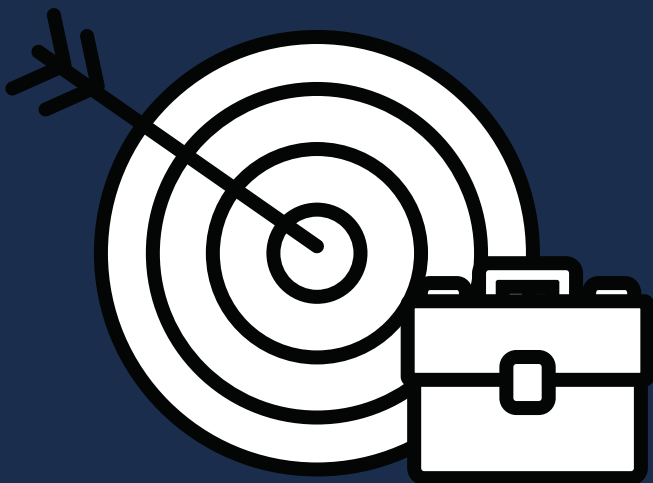
**Wednesday--**Jersey Day (wear your favorite sports jersey!)

**Thursday--**Class day (**9th** = green, **10th** = purple, **11th** = red, **12th** = black)

**Friday--**BHS SWAG!!!! Show that Seahorse Pride!!

*Get Ready For Some Serious Seahorse Spirit!*

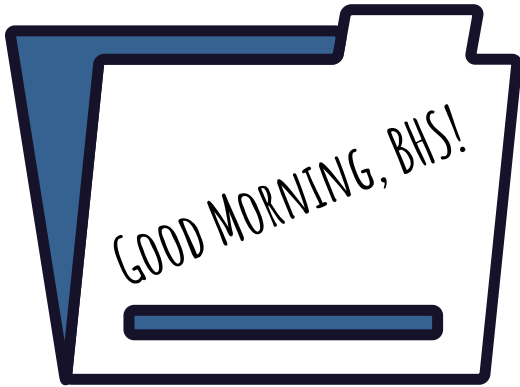
## PLP's and YOU!



Personal Learning Plans, or PLP's, are a student developed and maintained plan to establish a clear path towards Graduation. PLP's help keep you "on target" to graduate!

If you have questions or would like to chat more about your PLP, contact Ms. Botelho at [gbotelho@bsdvt.org](mailto:gbotelho@bsdvt.org), and click the target to the left to check out the PLP website!

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



(Make sure you're logging in with your BSD account to view!!)

Mr. Green will be doing announcements daily during his **Good Morning BHS** installments! Click the folder to the left to see all GMBHS videos from Mr. Green!

## Attendance

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday attendance is accounted for during your online classes. Your teacher marks you present, just like in-person learning.

### BUT WHAT ABOUT WEDNESDAYS!?

Wednesdays are our *asynchronous* learning days, so while classes do not meet, you are still expected to be working on your coursework. That may include watching a recorded class you missed during the week, catching up or getting ahead on work, responding to class discussions and emails, and/or attending Office Hours for your class! The possibilities are endless!

In order to be counted as "present" on those days, you must fill out the Wednesday Attendance Form. You can access that form by clicking [here](#), or by scanning the QR code to the right. **You can only access the form on Wednesdays from 8:00am - 11:59pm**, and you must use your BSD email account to login!



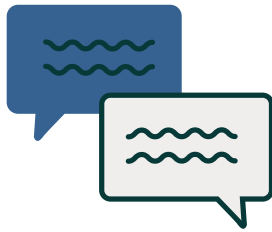
Please email Ms. Roach at [mroach@bsdvt.org](mailto:mroach@bsdvt.org) with attendance questions

# HELPFUL LINKS AND INFORMATION

Links from this week's newsletter and more can be found below. Please reach out to Ms. Hoyt at [bhoyt@bsdvt.org](mailto:bhoyt@bsdvt.org) if you have questions, comments, or feedback.

## **BHS School Counseling Page**

(including help with transcript requests, registration needs, and scheduling virtual meetings with your school counselor)



## **Free and Reduced Lunch Form**



## **BHS PLP Website -**

<https://sites.google.com/bsdvt.org/bsdpersonallearningplans/home>

**BHS Athletics Website** - <https://burlingtonathletics.com/>

## **BHS Expanded Learning Opportunities and Club Schedule \*Edited Frequently\*** -

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1TTfMf2EdTxKclYtjf8d7ShAm0Q248AoAyWF15wylOkI/edit#gid=2044471826>

## **Wednesday Attendance Form -**

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeSmv9y4wm0uyMDy0ddZ4zAa3ZhEMI46qCdB-t6VD3rKjnG3Q/closedform>

## **Good Morning, BHS! Announcements -**

<https://drive.google.com/drive/u/2/folders/1Tt7YJxDnS0H3wmmSTbiEhETm-A1iYsqN>

**Full BHS Calendar** - <https://bhs.bsdvt.org/calendar/>