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Burlington High School's E-Newsletter

Quarter 2 Starts at BHS!

No matter what is going on here at the Reef of BHS, there are two constants that we can always count on; change is inevitable, and time marches on.

We have encountered a lot of change in a short amount of time this year already, on both a micro and macro level. The 2020-2021 school year started with preparing for in-person instruction during a pandemic, which was quickly shifted to all remote model as a result of the building closure. The amount of trial and error, adjusting, trying again, and learning that everyone has done during this time is unprecedented. Change is constant, inevitable, and hard, no matter how prepared you may be for it.

While there have been lots of changes, time has not slowed. And so we find ourselves at the end of Quarter 1 and on the doorstep of Quarter 2. We had a credit recovery day on Wednesday, November 5th, and staff have been helping students drop off/pick up materials as needed for their classes. Teachers have been working hard to finish grading while continuing to flex their creative muscles to connect with students outside of their virtual classrooms. Time marches on, but we match it's step and walk with our heads held high knowing we're all walking together at the same pace.

If you have questions about your grades, classes, or what's next for you in Quarter 2, please reach out to your counselors directly. You can find their info on the Counseling Homepage [here](#).

Congratulations on a successful Quarter 1, Seahorses! One step at a time as we march forward together!



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PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Principal Noel Green

Hello Seahorse Nation!

We've made it to the end of Quarter 1! I am proud to have witnessed so many faculty, staff, students, parents, and community members stepping up to make this one of the most memorable quarters we've had at BHS in many different ways. Some highlights of Quarter 1 include:

- Outdoor Music Enrichment Groups for choir, orchestra, and band. Mr. Poli, Ms. Kono, and Mr. Hamilton have been working hard to find spaces for students to gather and keep the music alive within our BHS and greater Burlington community! Well done, Music Department!
- Outdoor, in-person PE classes have been a huge success! Big thanks to the whole PE department for being creative and giving our students an opportunity to gather once a week and move their bodies!
- We were able to have a truncated Fall Athletics Season, with only a few adjustments to actual gameplay. All athletes were required to have their temperature taken daily, wear masks at all times, and complete daily screening questions. We adjusted our Football season to be a 7 v 7 touch game vs. full field tackle, which was very successful! We also, for the first time, had Volleyball teams playing outside, which was an adjustment but also a positive experience. Our Cross Country teams also had an excellent season, with many of our runners making it to States and multiple top 5 finishers!

As we start up Quarter 2, please keep in mind that you will need to complete your Wednesday asynchronous learning attendance form each week in order to be counted as present for that day. If you cannot find it, do not have access, or are having trouble getting into the form, please contact Ms. Roach at mroach@bsdvt.org for assistance.

The form is linked within this newsletter - please read all the way through! Lastly, I would like to congratulate our Varsity Boys Soccer team and wish them good luck as they take part in the Vermont D1 Championship game this Saturday, November 7th. Gameplay starts at 1pm on Buck Hard Field at BHS against Essex High School. Although the championship game is already sold out based on COVID-19 guidelines and restrictions, you can catch all the action while it's live streamed here at NFHS Network. Lets Go, Seahorse Soccer!

With that, I hope you all have a great weekend! Please enjoy this unseasonably warm weather by getting outside before the snow comes!

Be Safe. Work Hard. Stay Kind. Keep Swimming.

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QUARTER 2 ATTENDANCE FORM

On Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, attendance will be taken in your virtual classrooms by your teacher like usual.

BUT WHAT ABOUT WEDNESDAYS?!

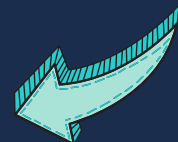
Wednesdays are our *asynchronous* day, meaning you are expected to do work on your own at your own pace without actually joining a virtual classroom. Teachers will hold office hours or enrichment opportunities (small group gatherings, labs, etc.) which will be announced, but **in order to be counted as present on Wednesdays you must complete the survey.** Please scan the QR code to access the code, or click [here](#).

SCAN FOR WEDNESDAY
ATTENDANCE FORM



Remember to login with your BSD email!!

**ANNUAL STUDENT UPDATE in
PowerSchool**



CLICK ON THE
CLIPBOARD TO
ACCESS
POWERSCHOOL

PARENTS/GUARDIANS! If you have not completed your ANNUAL STUDENT UPDATE (ASU) information in PowerSchool yet, please do so ASAP! Navigate to the **Forms** tab and complete all outstanding information. **All forms must be completed in their entirety.** This annual update is important for the safety of our students while at school.

Although we are currently virtual, WE ARE STILL COLLECTING THIS INFORMATION, as there is still information that is vital to student's safety and ability to learn remotely.

If you have questions about how to complete the forms or are unable to log into your account, please reach out to Molly Roach at mroach@bsdvt.org for assistance. Please include the best email and contact number to reach you at in your email to Ms. Roach.

Extra Curriculars

ENRICH YOUR EXPERIENCE



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

Let's Get Cooking!

BHS Cooking Club will have its first meeting on **Monday, November 9th at St. Mark's Church, 1251 North Ave in the NNE.**

Because of COVID protocols of social distancing, there is space for **10 students**. Please fill out [this Google Form](#) to indicate interest in attending!



The **Gender and Sexuality Alliance (GSA)** will meet on **Friday, November 6 at 3:30 at the Old North End Community Center.** The GSA is an inclusive group that aims to create a safe space for all students to discuss, disclose and explore topics relating to gender and sexuality.

The BHS Skate Club is looking for donations!

If you have any of the following items, please consider donating them to the BHS Skate Club by contacting Sheryl Haiduck at shaiduck@bsdvt.org

Skateboards (about 3 or 4)

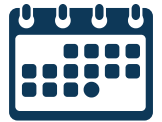
Helmets (about 6)

Knee and Elbow pads (10)

If you have any of these items in your house that are collecting dust, please consider donating them to the Skateboarding Club!

ATHLETICS

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



We have officially reached the final week of the Fall season, and it has certainly been one we all won't soon forget!

Congratulations to all of our programs in successfully completing their seasons. Many of our teams made it to post-season play, which was great to see in this abbreviated season. The coaching staff, athletes, and community have done a great job of not only making the best of many difficult situations, but also ensuring that our students kept the most important things in perspective -- being able to have a season, keeping our health and safety at the forefront, and providing our student athletes with a much-needed outlet during some trying times. Thank you to all coaches, fans, staff, and athletes for making it all happen. We could not be more pleased with how this Fall season turned out!

BHS will be hosting the D1 Boys and Girls Championship Soccer games at Buck Hard field. This is something BHS has done since the inception of our turf field in 2007 at the DG Weaver complex. We hosted the D3 field hockey championships last weekend between Windsor and Stowe, and it went smoothly. We are excited to continue our traditions for Boys and Girls soccer this year and for many years to come. Boys Varsity Soccer played at St. Johnsbury Thursday, November 5th, at 2pm and won 2-0, propelling them to the finals. Come cheer on your BHS Boys Varsity Soccer team as they face off against Essex High School for the championship title!

Winter sports guidance will be coming out in the near future. Please keep an eye on the Athletics page for updates, and if you have any questions please reach out to your athletic coordinator, Jeff Hayes (jhayes@bsdvt.org) or myself (qpinckne@bsdvt.org).

Lets Go, Seahorses!



ANNOUNCEMENTS



SCHOOL COUNSELING PRESENTS... 9TH GRADE PARENT NIGHT!

Do you have questions about your 9th graders classes? Are you wondering what comes after their first year? Join the BHS Counseling Department for 9th Grade Parent Night!

WHO: Parents of BHS 9th Graders

WHAT: Drop-in Informational Session with Counseling Team

WHEN: Thursday, November 9th, 2020 @6:30pm

WHERE: VIRTUAL ZOOM ROOM - **[click here](#)** to join!

What's Happening to Picture Day?!

BHS picture day for students 10-12 will be happening at a later date - we are actively working to reschedule and will communicate the new dates, times, and locations as soon as we confirm with LifeTouch!

9th Graders pictures have been received - we will also communicate a pick up/drop off plan for these as soon as we can! Hold tight and thank you for your understanding!

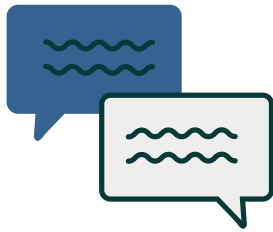


HELPFUL LINKS AND INFORMATION

Links from this week's newsletter and more can be found below. Please reach out to Ms. Hoyt at bhoyt@bsdvt.org 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



BSD Website - <https://www.bsdvt.org/>

BHS Website - <https://bhs.bsdvt.org/>

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

BHS Expanded Learning Program Schedule - Fall 2020 -

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1R0aszeywga2Z1GkgSWvl0zVp4el29-dtxKlavl8bnTU/edit>

BHS Afterschool Activities and Clubs - <https://bhs.bsdvt.org/about-our-school/clubs/>

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>

9th Grade Parent Night ZOOM Room Link - [cVJWM2IXaVjYb2J6V0ozcjdUSFBNdz09](https://us02zoom.us/j/9123456789)