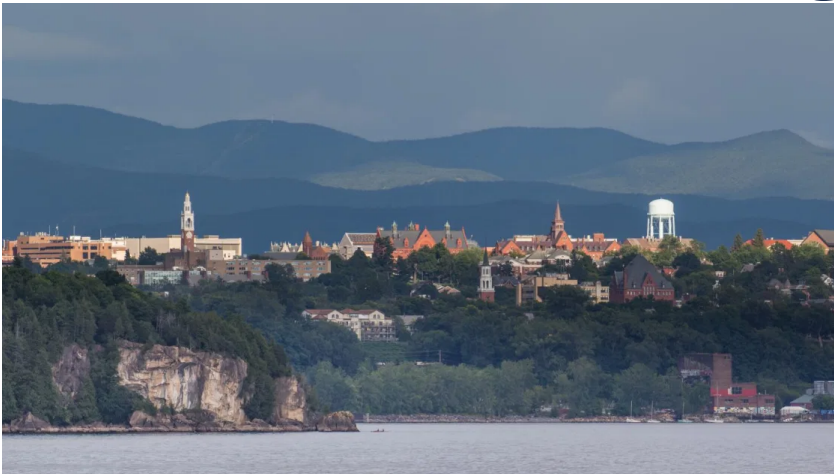


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Burlington High School's E-Newsletter

Burlington City & Lake Semester Named Outstanding Flagship Project



Includes BCL's partners at Shelburne Farms, the University of Vermont, and the City of Burlington.

"I know I speak for the whole BCL faculty team when I say that we are delighted to receive this recognition for BCL," Andy Barker, Project Director for BCL stated upon receiving the award, "and also for the Burlington School District. We have an amazing network of partners who continue to collaborate on the success of BCL."

Burlington City & Lake Semester (BCL) is an immersive semester program offered at BHS for interested students who utilize the city of Burlington as their classroom. Since its inception in 2018, the BCL team (comprised of Signe Daly, Andy Baker, Dov Stucker, and Peter McConville, have given students at BHS an opportunity to experience their city unlike ever before.

Over the past two years, BCL has become a well known partner within the community, giving students the chance to gain experience working alongside organizations such as Shelburne Farms and the City of Burlington in a number of capacities.

Just before Holiday break, it was announced that BCL received the honor of being named an Outstanding Flagship Project by the Global RCE Centre, a division of United Nations University. This award was presented to the Greater Burlington Regional Center of Expertise (RCE) in Education for Sustainable development, which

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BHS Principal's Corner

WITH PRINCIPAL NOEL GREEN



Dear BHS Community,

By now, we have all been witness to what transpired in Washington DC this week. It was obviously disturbing, as what initially began as a legal protest turned violent, which is never acceptable. The ultimate price was paid as four people died during this incident.

As members of our society, it is always important for us to have a forum to discuss these types of tragic occurrences. It is especially important for our youth to have a platform, as they are just beginning to understand the world and need a way to verbalize their thoughts, which leads to them being able to synthesize what is happening around them. We as adults have a responsibility to assist our youth with this process.

I believe that the incidents from this week are a call for all of us to stay actively involved in what's happening in our country and around the world. We should seek to be civic-minded and aware of our responsibilities as part of the Constitution. We should also never ignore the fact that injustice exists all over the world, but by maintaining a strong democracy, we can at least make movement towards ending injustice.

In the immediate, I have included in this correspondence some resources from our counseling department if students need to talk about what happened. In the long term, we are excited about how we will engage with our students, especially using an equity lens. One example includes the coming introduction of a film series that both faculty and students will participate in beginning on the MLK holiday. This activity is student-driven and is intended to be sustainable beyond MLK and Black History Month. The goal is for all of us to constantly be aware of what has shaped our society to be what it is today and to use that knowledge to then determine what we need to do to heal as a nation.

From our Director of School Counseling, Meg Hughart - *"In light of Wednesday's events, the BHS School Counselors are available to provide support to students troubled by the incidents. Please email your counselor to set up a check-in:*

Lise Bruder: lbruder@bsdvt.org

Karen Prouty: kprouty@bsdvt.org

Maggie Weintraub: mweintra@bsdvt.org

Tony Settel: tsettel@bsdvt.org

Meg Hughart: mhughart@bsdvt.org

*As always, if you believe you are struggling with a mental health crisis, contact **First Call at (802) 488-7777**.*

If you are feeling that you would benefit by ongoing, regular connections with a mental health counselor, please visit Howard Center's Partners for Access."

Please be well.

Thank you

Noel Green

PSAT's at Edmunds Middle School January 26th



Attention 11th Grade Students and Families,

We are gearing up for our **January 26, 2021 PSAT at Edmunds Middle School**. This test is part of the SAT suite of assessments, and can be a very important test for your post-secondary (aka “life after high school”) planning. The PSAT is considered the “Pre-SAT” and is free to all 11th grade students at Burlington High School. The SAT is one of two high-stakes college entrance examinations (the other being the ACT). One of the key reasons in taking this test is for the National Merit Scholarship Program. The score you earn on this test may qualify you to be a finalist for this prestigious scholarship program, and many other scholarship awards. Additionally, this is a great opportunity to practice your high-stakes-test-taking skills. After taking the test, your score report will allow you to create a College Board account and get personalized advice on how to improve your score in preparation for the SAT.

The test will begin between 8-9am (as soon as all students are COVID-screened and seated). The test itself is 2 hours and 45 minutes long; however, we will have students complete some general survey information required by the College Board prior to beginning the test. There are three key tests on the PSAT: Writing and Language, Math and Reading. The best way to prepare for this high-stakes test is to practice. [Khan Academy](#) has developed a partnership with SAT, and provides full-length practice tests and feedback for free.

On the day of the test, students will need to wear a mask, bring a state or school issued ID, and a calculator. If you do not have a calculator, BHS has plenty available to loan out for the day. Your room proctor will provide one if you need it. If you are bringing your own calculator, please review the [College Board's requirement for calculators](#). Cell phones are not permitted to be used during the test, and your test will be voided if your phone is seen during the exam and breaks.

Students will be distanced in the classroom, with strict social distancing class capacity numbers in place. Due to this, we are requesting that students who plan to take this test complete the [PSAT Sign-up Form](#) by **Friday, January 15, 2021**. This will allow us to make sure we have the appropriate number of screeners, classrooms and proctors for the event.

For more information about the test, including a full length practice test, please use the [PSAT Student Guide](#). Students may also pick up a hard copy of this booklet on Wednesday, January 13 outside of the Counseling Office at Edmunds Middle School.

Downtown BHS

Your Bi-Weekly Buzz about BHS Building Updates

Thank you for responding to our survey on names for our new campus. I am excited to announce that name of our future campus will be called..... **Downtown BHS!** I cannot wait to see our students and staff in person at this awesome location.

Work continues on construction of walls, bathrooms, and wiring at Downtown BHS. At this point in the process, final decisions about construction are being made by the BSD team. Considerations for these final decisions include safety, programming needs, and, of course, cost. We are excited to continue to offer a comprehensive high school education in our new, temporary, home.

In the coming weeks you can expect to hear more from us on how transportation will work downtown and more definitive dates for moving into Downtown BHS.

Lets go, Seahorses!

Mr. Green



Right: Mr. Flanagan speaks in front of
Downtown BHS

Keep an eye on
this new section of
the newsletter for
more updates
about the
Downtown BHS
Space as it
becomes the new
home of BHS!



ATTENDANCE FORM/LUNCH REMINDER

Please be sure to scan the QR code to the right to fill out your Tuesday attendance form **weekly** to be counted as present! **This must be done every Tuesday!**

SCAN FOR **TUESDAY**
ATTENDANCE FORM



If you are planning to attend in-person instruction on Wednesdays and would like a school lunch, please fill out the School Lunch Choice form, which will be part of the Asynchronous Learning Attendance Form!

Are YOU receiving emails
from BHS?



CLICK ON THE
CLIPBOARD TO
ACCESS
POWERSCHOOL

If you are not receiving emails from BHS, Mr. Green, Ms. Hoyt, or the office of the Superintendent, you may need to update your Annual Student Update!

Click on the clipboard above to access PowerSchool and complete all of the Annual Student Update forms under the "forms" tab on the left hand side.

If you cannot access your PowerSchool account, please reach out to Emily Merrill at emerrill@bsdvt.org.

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



BHS SEAHORSE ATHLETICS



Hello Everyone,

Governor Phil Scott gave us a holiday gift at his press conference on Tuesday, December 22, announcing that school-sanctioned athletics can begin practicing in a limited capacity as early as Saturday, December 26, 2020. This was certainly a huge change from just a few days ago, but we welcome the announcement as we quickly approach the holiday.

With that being said, the BSD Athletic Department will be working with district leaders to determine when our district's official start will be. We must remember that safety is still our top priority as we continue navigating the pandemic. We ask for your continued patience, trust, and understanding as we cautiously mobilize plans to safely welcome our students back into the athletic arena. We know our families need this on all levels, and we will do our best to provide the best opportunities for a safe and successful Winter season!

There will be more information to come, but this is a great start to the New Year!

Please follow us on Twitter and Instagram @bsdvtathletics for athletic updates! Please like us on Facebook at the Burlington School District Athletics page for updates.

#SeahorsePride #BSDVTAthletics #WeALLBecomeSEAHORSES



Quaron Pinckney
District Coordinator - Head of
Athletics, Burlington School District



BHS 2020 Faculty/Staff Ugly Sweater Competition!

Extra Curriculars
ENRICH YOUR EXPERIENCE

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



*And The Winner
Is...*

Mr. Macomber and
the Technicolor
Tinsel Vest of
Dreams!



THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO PARTICIPATED! WHAT A GREAT TURNOUT!

Extended Homework Center Hours!

Do you need additional support to manage and stay on
track in your classes?

Would you benefit from adult supervision, reliable wifi,
and a quiet place to work?

Come to the Homework Center!

Click [here](#) to see the full schedule and list of locations for
The Homework Center!

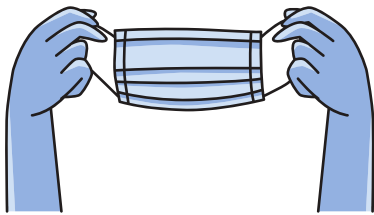


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HEALTH SCREENING CONTRACTS

You received a health screening contract in the mail from BHS Nursing Staff - this is very important to complete ASAP. It will help with Wednesday in-person screenings, streamlining them and making them easier to do for all.



If you are not sure what this is or if you did not receive one, please reach out to Maureen Webb, RN, at mwebb@bsdvt.org

Thank you! - BHS Nursing Staff

Do You Want to Learn a New Language?

- Interested in learning about the languages and cultures within your BHS community?
- Looking to enrich your understanding of languages outside of those offered through BHS curriculum?
- Wondering how you're going to get that last elective credit for the year?



Look no further! The Language Acquisition Program is for you!

The Language Acquisition Program (LAP) will be offered as part of afterschool programming starting second semester in 2021. Here, you will have the opportunity to learn languages such as Nepali, Russian, Bosnian, Arabic - to name a few - taught by members of our own community. This course is a basic entry level course, no experience or prior knowledge required, and is open to all BHS students, staff, and faculty!

Complete [this Google form](#) ASAP if you are interested in participating in LAP, and talk to your school counselor about receiving elective credit upon completion!

-Виталий Кулапин (Vitaliy Kulapin, Director and Russian Instructor)

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Don't forget to get your cap and gown, class of 2021!

[Click here](#) to order your cap and gown, or visit www.jostens.com to browse all of their graduation packages!

Check your email for specialty pricing through January 22nd on Josten's Graduation Packages!

Congratulations, Seahorses!

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Greetings, Seahorses!

In late January, we will be holding our Burlington High School **Poetry Out Loud** competition. All you need is a couple of poems you like from the Poetry Out Loud website, your voice, and some time to memorize the poems you select--a task I will help you with!

The winner will compete against other Vermont Poetry Out Loud champions from around the state, and if you're merciless enough, you could even compete at the national level! The unique and wonderful opportunity of the 2021 Poetry Out Loud competition is that it is fully virtual, meaning that all recitations will be submitted through video. So if you have been hesitant to sign up in the past out of fear of standing on a stage, THIS YEAR IS YOUR YEAR!

[Here is a video that gives you an idea of what it looks like to recite poetry out loud.](#)

This is fun and low risk. Be bold and sign up for this spectacular program!

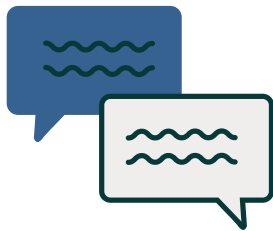
Andrew LeValley(He/Him) English Teacher, BHS

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



A reminder: all breakfast/lunch for those attending in-person instruction at EMS on Wednesdays is FREE OF CHARGE!

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

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

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

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

TUESDAY Asynchronous 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>

BHS at Edmunds Full Schedule/Logistics:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/14WJXS52bYsxn7pvcj1Hke98IL9j2mzjioAY0Ypg56gc/edit>

BHS Online Apparel Store: <https://ptsteam.com/burlingtonvt247>

PowerSchool Link: <https://psapp.bsdvt.org/public/home.html>

Jostens Website (Cap & Gown/Graduation Purchases):

https://www.jostens.com/apps/store/productDetail/1120524/Burlington-High-School/-/1338281773/CATALOG_REPOSITORY/Cap-and-Gown-Unit/1430304737/

SEAHORSE NATION



ONLINE APPAREL STORE

Looking to show your Seahorse Pride while you're learning at home? Unsure where to go to get the latest BHS Swag? Check out our online store!

All orders ship within **7-10 business days** of ordering, and arrive right to your door!

Click the flyer above to access the store, or follow the link [here](https://ptsteam.com/burlingtonvt247). LETS GO, SEAHORSES!!