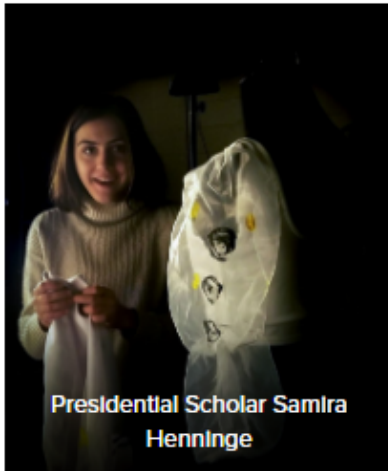


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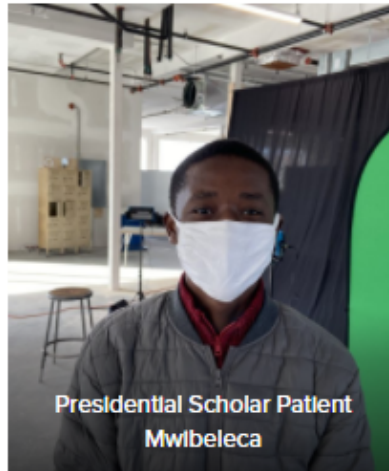
# THE REEF

Burlington High School's E-Newsletter

## Henninge, Mwibeleca Recognized as VT Presidential Scholars of the Arts



Presidential Scholar Samira  
Henninge



Presidential Scholar Patient  
Mwibeleca

These two Scholars of the Arts, as well as two other BTC students from the surrounding Burlington area, will be encouraged to apply for the US Presidential Scholarship program, which recognizes some of the country's most distinguished high school seniors upon graduation.

**BHS and BTC** students Samira Henninge and Patient Mwibeleca received the VT Presidential Scholar of the Arts awards for their dedication, skill, and commitment to their education.

Mwibeleca's BTC instructor, Mr. Jason Raymond, spoke about Mwibeleca's passion for art as starting out producing music with his family when they lived in Africa. Mwibeleca has continued that passion for the arts into Mr. Raymond's class at BTC.

Henninge's BTC instructor, Ms. Ashley Stagner, spoke about Henninge's full time talent and work ethic, not only in Stagner's classroom, but outside of BTC where Henninge has a full time job and takes college courses online.

Congratulations, Samira and Patient!

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# BHS Principal's Corner

**WITH PRINCIPAL NOEL GREEN**



Good afternoon, Seahorses!

With winter break in our sights and the Holidays upon us, I wanted to take this time to thank you all for your continued hard work, flexibility, dedication, and commitment to your education. I hope you all find some time to relax, recharge, and connect with those around you during your Holiday celebrations.

We are working diligently on getting the downtown BHS campus set up for a mid-March opening. While many of the details are still being worked out, here is what we know so far:

- We will use our hybrid model from the fall (Group A/Group B) to start unless COVID parameters for schools have changed by then.
- Students who do not want to be in person at all in the spring should contact their counselor as soon as possible to schedule VTVLC remote courses for the spring semester (which starts in January).
- We will be able to offer comprehensive programming in the downtown space. Students will continue to have access to the library, fine arts, music, physical education, AP courses, student supports, and accommodations. Students will also still be able to access BTC courses.
- Being downtown presents both challenges and opportunities for our students, staff, and families. We are working to mitigate the challenges and expand upon opportunities presented by being in downtown Burlington.

More to come as details are solidified, so please keep an eye on your email/all the spaces that BHS inhabits on the world wide web (newsletter, BHS website/BSD website, etc. - all linked at the end of this issue.) If you have questions about classes or enrollment, please reach out to your counselor. All other questions can be directed to Ms. Hoyt ([bhoyt@bsdvt.org](mailto:bhoyt@bsdvt.org)).

Stay safe. Work hard. Be kind. Keep swimming. Have a great break!

# ***SCHOOL BOARD MEETING SUMMARY 12/15/20***

*by Rebecca Cunningham, BSD Student  
Representative*



**Public Comment:** BHS Junior Seth Harte, speaking on behalf of his Burlington City and Lake (BCL) class, informed the school board that his class is learning about systems. He asked the school board about their meeting structure and common practices.

**COVID-19 Update:** Since last Thursday, students and faculty have reported 16 COVID-19 cases across 8 schools in the district. The district conducts contact tracing for each confirmed case and speaks with each person they identify as a close contact. At this point there is little evidence of COVID-19 exposure in schools.

**Enrollment Numbers:** This year, the Elementary schools have 85% the number of students, the middle schools have 97% the number of students, and the high school have 86% the number of students as they did in 2011. Although these numbers come from a variety of factors, they affect budgeting and school board decisions.

**Motion Passed:** The ReEnvisioning design team will complete the Design Development stage of the ReEnvisioning project on December 18th. They asked the school board for \$49,575.00 to determine a project cost estimate before starting Construction.

**Budget:** As of Tuesday, the state predicts a 9% tax increase for FY22 and the district predicts a 13% tax increase. However, the district is working hard to reduce this expense.

**BHS Downtown (Macy's):** The district is close to finalizing the lease agreement with Macy's owners. Air quality tests at Macy's came back negative, and the state may provide financial aid for the fit-up expense.

# Winter Break Meal Kits for Students and Families!

The **Burlington School Food Project** and our community partners will be distributing Meal Kits over winter break!



**Wednesday, December 23rd and 30th 3:00-4:30:**

BHS, Sustainability Academy, Champlain, Boys and Girls Club (new time for break week only!).

**Wednesday December 23rd and 30th**

**11:00am -11:30am** - Bobbin Mill, Franklin Square

**11:45am -12:15pm** - South Meadow, Northgate

**Wednesday December 23rd and 30th**

**5:30pm** - Riverside Apartments

**6:00pm** - Salmon Run

# ATTENDANCE FORM REMINDER

Now that we are in person at EMS on Wednesdays, our asynchronous learning day has been changed to **Tuesday!**

SCAN FOR **TUESDAY**  
ATTENDANCE FORM



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!**

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](mailto:emerrill@bsdvt.org).

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



# BHS SEAHORSE ATHLETICS



Hello Everyone,

As we approach the holiday break and the end of what has been an extremely challenging year in 2020, we wanted to take this opportunity to extend our sincerest gratitude for your continued support and trust in our leadership. With so many things still very uncertain, it provides great joy and optimism that brighter days are not far away, and we will get there TOGETHER!

Governor Phil Scott announced at his latest press conference on Friday, 12/18 that he “does not have good news about sports.” While we understand that these decisions are repeatedly disappointing, let’s take a moment to reflect on how fortunate we are for the things that we do have. Let it also serve as a reminder that we still have work to do as we continue navigating this pandemic, and we must remain diligent this holiday season in order to get our kids back in the athletic arena. As we await a green light for athletics, let’s be sure that we are cherishing this time to get some rest and come back refreshed after the holiday break! Let’s also be sure that we are still checking in with one another this holiday season. Because the holidays will continue to look different than what we are accustomed to, let’s remember that we have all had our struggles this year and we invite as much safe interaction as we can get.

We wish you a warm, safe, and healthy holiday season. 2021: We’re ready for you!

#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!

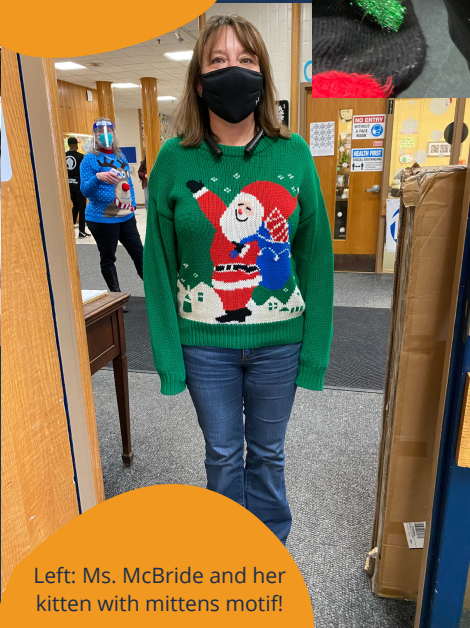


Mr. Macomber  
showing off his  
festive vest!



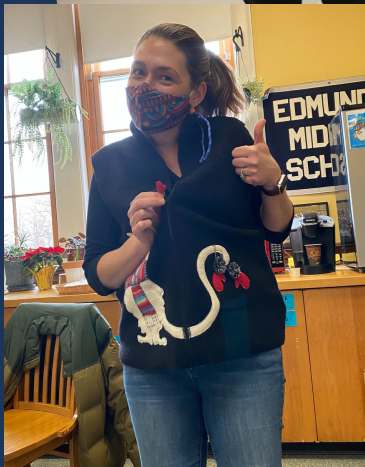
Left: Ms. Crothers and her  
Rudolph!

Above: Mr. Macomber and  
Ms. Blethen smiling under  
their masks!



Left: Ms. McBride and her  
kitten with mittens motif!

Above: Ms. Stygles  
throwing it back with a  
classic Santa Claus knit!



FA-LA-LA-LLAMA!

Left: Ms. Ellen and her  
very festive Llama friend!

Above: Ms. Morrison with  
her Llama and  
coordinating manil



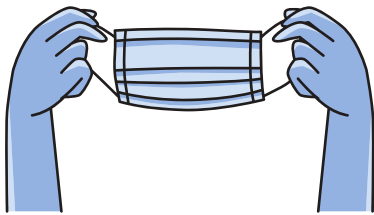
WINNER WILL BE  
ANNOUNCED NEXT ISSUE!  
STAY TUNED! THANKS TO ALL  
WHO PARTICIPATED!!

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## 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](mailto:mwebb@bsdvt.org)

Thank you! - BHS Nursing Staff

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## *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)



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

2021

**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](http://www.jostens.com) to browse all of their 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!

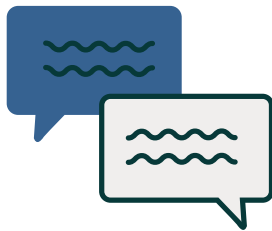
**Andrew LeValley(He/Him) English Teacher, BHS**

# 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](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



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 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/>

**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/14WJXS52bYsxn7pvcj1Hke98lL9j2mzjioAY0Ypg56gc/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/](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!!