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Burlington High School's E-Newsletter

BHS AT EDMUNDS WEDNESDAYS

In Person Learning a Success

BHS students who used to walk the halls of Edmunds Middle School experienced a blast from the past last week as BHS experienced their first in-person learning days Monday and Tuesday before break.

Teachers and staff were thrilled to see their students in person. Many students met their teachers for the first time face to face, and many teachers were able to greet students they hadn't seen since March last year. All around, the energy and excitement of being in person again was electric in the air!

Ongoing, BHS students will continue in person instruction on Wednesdays at Edmunds. The first Wednesday instruction went off without a hitch this past week, December 2nd.

What about Wednesdays as our asynchronous day? Do I still have to fill out the attendance form I get sent weekly? The answer is **yes**, although moving forward we will ask you to fill out the form on **Tuesdays** instead. Tuesdays will be our new asynchronous learning day with office hours and at-your-own-pace instruction and assignments. If you have questions about your assignments, please reach out to your teacher. If you have questions about the attendance form, please reach out to Ms. Roach at mroach@bsdvt.org.

As is the case with so much of our lives during these times, change can happen very quickly. Please make sure you have updated your contact information in PowerSchool so you can stay up to date on the latest information via email, text, and phone messages from BHS.

If you are unsure how to update this information, please contact Ms. Merrill at emerrill@bsdvt.org, or visit our how-to website [here](#). (continued on next page)

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And now, a look into our first couple of weeks of in-person learning at EMS! Thank you to all of the faculty, staff, parents, and students who continue to work hard, stay kind, and KEEP SWIMMING throughout this very different year! We can't wait to see you next week!



Mr. Fleming and his students socially distanced and smiling under the masks!



Mr. Amoah and his students in working hard in math class - looking sharp, in that suit, Mr. Amoah!



Ms. Kono and her string quartet playing beautiful music together!



Members of the Student Support Team Molly Doran and Carrie Tewksbury posing with a student during study hall!



Students practicing social distancing in their classroom at desks with masks on and plenty of cleaning supplies!



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!

**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.**

IF YOU DO NOT HAVE YOUR ANNUAL STUDENT UPDATE COMPLETED, WE MAY BE MISSING VALUABLE INFORMATION TO ENSURE YOU ARE GETTING ALL COMMUNICATIONS FROM BHS/BSD!

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

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



BHS SEAHORSE ATHLETICS



Hello Everyone,

There is nothing major to report on the Athletics front. As aforementioned, the Governor will take a week-by-week, data-driven approach to determine how sports will look this Winter. According to Governor Phil Scott at his press conference on Friday, 12/4, Winter sports will remain on hold based on the current data and continued spike in COVID-19 cases. Governor Scott will continue to have press conferences twice per week -- on Tuesdays and Fridays at 11am. Please tune in for updates if you are able.

While we remain on hold, all Winter sports student-athletes are encouraged to continue individual and virtual team workouts at home. Stay ready, so you don't have to get ready!

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

A stylized, handwritten signature in blue ink.

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



Calling all actors, costume designers, set and lighting designers and sound technicians!

The last Drama Club One Act meeting was **Thursday, December 3rd** at noon. We discussed the auditioning process, etc. for the One Acts. We have a wonderful group of student directors who have chosen some excellent plays to produce, so we are thrilled to get this season up and running.

The One Acts are student directed short plays. Auditions are open to the entire BHS student population.

Everyone who auditions is guaranteed a part (though not necessarily the one you auditioned for). We would also like to meet with folks who are interested in working on our tech crew at this time as well. This is a wonderful opportunity to try a new extracurricular activity, meet some fun people, and gain some valuable public speaking skills.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Ledoux (tledoux@bsdvt.org). Thanks!



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

Extra Curriculars
ENRICH YOUR EXPERIENCE



Homework Center is open **Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday** from 3:30 -5:00 at the Old North End Community Center . There will be someone at the front door on Allen Street to let you in from 3:30 - 4:00. After 4, you'll have to call or text the number on the door to be let in.

Math support: Tuesday and Thursday

EL support: Wednesday

Science support: Wednesday and Thursday

History, Humanities, Spanish and help with

Essays and Papers: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

Coming up!

Holiday Baking on **Monday, December 21st** at Culinary Arts at St. Mark's on North Ave.

All visitors to the ONE Community Center must have their temperatures taken upon arrival and submit the COVID Health Screening on PowerSchool. If you are unable to access the Health Screening on PowerSchool, we'll ask you the questions upon arrival. If you forget your mask, we do have some available.

THANK YOU for your continued vigilance and adherence to the guidelines!

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!!

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

Thank you! - BHS Nursing Staff

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

Dear BSD community members, the School Board is currently re-evaluating the role of School Resource Officers (SRO) in the BSD schools.

When the first Memorandum of Understanding (agreement) was established in 2015, it was with limited community voice; therefore, a community task force has been created, with the objective to make recommendations regarding the role of SROs in schools.

To make the best recommendations possible, we need to hear from as many voices as possible. Therefore, we would greatly appreciate you taking the time to complete [this short survey](#) so that your voice can be heard. It shouldn't take more than 5 or so minutes of your time. It will also be sent by email - you only need to complete it once.

Thank you!



ANNOUNCEMENTS



Attention BHS Class of 2021

It's time to order your cap and gown for graduation, as well as announcements and other exciting senior supplies!

Please look over the virtual flyer emailed to you separately for information about how to place your order online at www.jostens.com. **The deadline to receive these promotions and pricing is December 11th.** Please do your best to get your order placed by this date so nothing is delayed.

Also, if you haven't ordered your class ring or class jewelry yet, you'll get your cap and gown free with your order! We'll need a minimum \$75 deposit to place the order, which should also be done online at www.jostens.com. You'll get the option to pay in full for the ring or use JPay, or if you want to order with a deposit, just select "Buy in School" and the next step will let you apply a deposit to the order. We'll reach out to you for height/weight measurements to apply the free cap and gown promo when the order comes through.

Feel free to contact our office if you have any questions. contact@northwaygrad.com
or (518)581-1468.

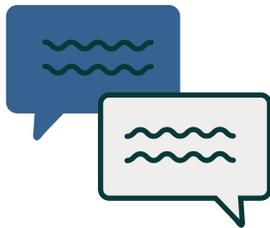
Thank you and Congratulations! - Jostens

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 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): www.jostens.com

SRO Survey: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScUpdQ-RQcfjVwdjQn1ShUkXw1TVOccCNcycT2w5tsqylnQtg/viewform?gxids=7628>