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Burlington High School's E-Newsletter

BHS Among Nine Schools to Advance to Scholars' Bowl State Championship

The Vermont-NEA Scholars' Bowl playoffs got underway with preliminary-round competition this past Saturday, January 30th, 2021. Of the many schools participating on the Varsity level, nine advanced to compete in the state championship, Burlington High School Varsity Team (Wyatt Harte (Captain), Rory Stein, Theo Ellis-Novotny, and Robbie Safran) among them.

Hanover was the only team in the Varsity field to go undefeated, winning all four of their matches for the day. Their undefeated streak upset previously undefeated Champlain Valley Union High School, topping them 215-205 during Saturday's competition to secure first place.

CVU, Essex High School, BHS, and South Burlington High School all finished the day 3-1, securing their place at championships. The other schools to advance with a 2-2 record were Bellows Free Academy, BFA St. Albans, Lamoille Valley Union High School, Lyndon Institute, and Middlebury Union High School.

Burlington B team (Sam Silberman (Captain), Miles Ellis-Novotny, Dylan Severson, Tido Schulman, Isaac Doggett, Quinn Shelley, and Connor Reutter) won the title in the JV Bracket, going undefeated for the day with a 4-0 record, including a 175-155 victory over Essex B in the final.

Congratulations to all of our Scholars' Bowl participants, and good luck at Championships this March!



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with Ms. McBride

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[BHS Principal's Page](#)



Dear BHS Students, Caregivers and Families,

We are rolling with momentum into Semester 2/Quarter 3 here at BHS! Our students and teachers are shifting their focus from community building to diving deeply into content as they bring week two of Semester 2 to a close.

Today, we had our first of two Downtown BHS Town Hall series, which we are very excited about! It was great to have students, community members, and faculty present at this meeting. These Town Hall meetings are designed to give our community an opportunity to hear from key members of the DTBHS task force about where we are and what is coming up on the horizon. If you were unable to make today's town hall, you can access it on our District YouTube page. Thank you to everyone who attended our first Town Hall this afternoon!

It is hard to believe that in 4 short weeks we will be in our new DTBHS home. Faculty and staff are buzzing with anticipation and excitement thinking about seeing our students back in the classrooms and hallways of BHS. The hard work, creativity, and dedication that has gone into making in-person learning a possibility again for BHS students is remarkable. I find myself in awe of all that we can accomplish when we work together as a staff, district, and community. We truly are #StrongerTogether.

Please enjoy your weekend, and we'll see you next week!

Lauren McBride

Interim Principal

Burlington High School



CHECK YOUR EMAIL FOR
INFORMATION ABOUT
JOINING THE NEWLY
LAUNCHED BHS STUDENT
ADVISORY GROUP AND FAMILY
ADVISORY GROUP!

Downtown BHS

Your Bi-Weekly Buzz about BHS Building Updates

We are less than 3 weeks away from moving into our new DTBHS home!

The construction crews have been working hard to turn DTBHS into a welcoming environment for our faculty, staff, and students. Staff, teachers, facilities, food services, Seahorse Pride - EVERYONE has been working around the clock to complete the mammoth task of moving an entire high school, truly proving we are #strongertogether!

We are excited to offer a series of Town Hall Meetings to give you a better look at DTBHS and offer a space for questions and answers. If you can't join, do not worry! We are recording all Town Halls as they happen, which will be available to view via the BHS YouTube Channel.

We are excited to return to in-person hybrid instruction very soon, and to get to know our new temporary home!

Keep an eye on this space for more updates! Thank you, and Go Seahorses!



Wednesday, February 17th
6:30pm - 7:30pm
Click the link to join the
Zoom Room!

<http://bit.ly/36LhWrc>



Click the icon above to access
the BSD YouTube Channel for
recordings of DTBHS Town Halls

SHOW YOUR *Seahorse Pride*



BHS Parents and Caregivers:

Do *you* want to help raise money for our athletics, clubs, drama department, and other areas in need at BHS?

Are *you* looking for a way to get involved at BHS that is rewarding, creative, and FUN?

Are you *proud* to be a SEAHORSE?

If you answered YES to any of the questions above, then SEAHORSE PRIDE is for you!

Please join us virtually at our next monthly meeting on **Monday, February 8th starting at 6pm** if you'd like to learn more about joining Seahorse Pride!



Please Click the ZOOM Link to Join!

We can't wait to see you there!

Click here for the full BHS
Athletics Calendar



BHS SEAHORSE ATHLETICS



Hello Everyone,

Hooray for this particular Friday! After months of anxiously waiting, the day we've been waiting for has finally come. The Governor's Task Force just gave word at today's press conference that we can begin games for our remaining indoor sports on Friday, 2/12.

This has been a long time coming, but an extremely positive note to further build momentum for our students as we are just one month away from entering our DtBHS space.

Coordinators will communicate how to access games live as we must adhere to the state's no spectator rule. Stay tuned!

As always, please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions or concerns.

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.

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

#SeahorsePride
#BSDVTathletics
#WeALLBecomeSEAHORSES



New 4-H Teen Time Opportunity - **Critical Conversations**

Join 4-H in the **Critical Conversations** around race and justice, and learn how to unlock your leadership potential to inspire change. Participants will be guided by Extension educators in conversations and activities to help youth understand topics such as racism, implicit bias, equity, culture and discrimination and learn how to facilitate difficult conversations. The goal of these sessions is to help youth learn how to carefully examine the issue, weigh costs and consequences, and discuss possible courses of action. **Open to ALL youth in grades 7-12** from Vermont and beyond. Space is limited to 40 participants. (Please do not register until you are 100% committed to attending.) **This is a virtual program that will meet over Zoom on March 6 & 7 from 4-6 pm each day.**

Some other 4-H Programs include:

Designing Your Future - starts on Feb 3! Sessions are recorded in case you can't make them all.

Shaping Your Future - full scholarships to attend the virtual National 4-H Conference; applications due by Feb 10. Vermont youth only, grades 9-12 are eligible for the scholarships

Croak, Slither and Slide - a 6-week exploration of frogs, toads, snakes, salamanders, turtles, caecilians, and all sorts of other kin! Starts on February 25!

Babysitting - The Youth Babysitting course is designed to help middle school and teenaged youth learn what it takes to be a responsible, caring, trustworthy, competent, capable, and safe babysitter. New sessions just added!

VTTeen Science Exploration - join us every Wednesday afternoon from 3:30 - 4:45 pm at our weekly virtual teen science cafe where you will meet a scientist, learn about their work, explore different science pathways, engage in informal discussions and ask questions. Open to all youth in grades 7-12 in Vermont and beyond.

And check out some of our other programs! Go to:

<https://www.uvm.edu/extension/youth/announcements>

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!



Extra Curriculars
ENRICH YOUR EXPERIENCE



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

ANNOUNCEMENTS



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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!

Congratulations, Seahorses!

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**Are you interested in the March 2 election for mayor?
Do you want information about the ballot questions?**

Join the **All-Wards NPA meeting, February 9, from 6:30 - 8:30** for a Mayoral Candidate and Ballot Question Forum [here](#). You will be able to choose the language channel you prefer to listen to the forum: English, Swahili, Arabic, French, Maay Maay, Nepali, or Somali.

Please join us to learn more about the positions of the candidates for mayor and about the **ballot questions**: Ranked Choice Voting; Just-cause Eviction; Airport Commission membership; and Regulating thermal energy systems.

If you miss the meeting on February 9, you can listen to the recording (in 6 languages) of the forum: log on to www.facebook.com/allwardsNPA

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We Need Your Help!

Have you seen the awesome Meal Kits that are being distributed by the Burlington School Food Project? Each kit contains 7 breakfasts, 7 lunches, 7 snacks, and 7 suppers! These boxes include many fresh fruits and vegetables, and are designed to cover meals for remote days, weekends, holidays, & breaks. They can also help you to prepare your own meals to send to school with your student! **These kits are available at no cost for ANY CHILD 18 and under.** Each week, we are creating, packaging, and distributing over 700 of these kits. That's nearly 20,000 meals and snacks per week!

Do you have a few hours a week to help us get these kits prepared for our community? **We have many openings and are very flexible with days and hours!** Please visit this webpage to apply for this fun and rewarding opportunity! **Positions start at \$15.23/hour.**

Reach out to Doug Davis (ddavis@bsdvt.org) with any questions!

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, Ms. McBride, 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.

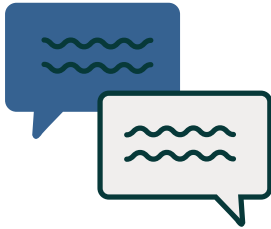
If you cannot access your PowerSchool account, please reach out to Emily Merrill at emerrill@bsdvt.org.

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>

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/

Burlington School Food Project: <https://www.burlingtonschoolfoodproject.org/>

Meal Kit Pick-up Locations: <https://www.google.com/maps/d/u/0/viewer?ll=44.48455132364626%2C-73.22935700000001&z=14&mid=1tG9AR47A2ssnL7vHcfSY7KLeJQFGfTs>

Application for Meal Kit Preparation/Distribution: <https://bsdvt.tedk12.com/hire/Viewjob.aspx?JobID=1552>

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!!