

# BHS Information Exchange

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The groundhog has spoken and we realize winter is not over yet. Most of us are anticipating the warm-up and winter fading away. Parent Teacher Conferences, Spring Break, and PSAE Testing are three big future events. Depending on whom you are talking to, the importance of each could be debated.

Parent Teacher Conferences are scheduled for March 25 from 4:30-8:30 p.m. The opportunity to meet with your student's teacher and discuss their academic progress is invaluable. Please take advantage of this time to meet their teacher and discuss what can be done to make sure the best educational experience is provided to your student. It takes all of us working together to guarantee success.

Spring Break is a time to relax and renew. Eight weeks will remain in the school year and it is our hope students will reenergize themselves for the end of the year push. Seniors will begin to realize their High School careers are almost over. They will look forward to Graduation but feel a little sad this part of their life is nearing the end. Hopefully teachers and students will come back refreshed and eager to continue the learning process.

PSAE Testing will occur on April 28 and 29. This is an extremely important time for Juniors and Belvidere High School. Please encourage your student to take the preparation for these tests seriously. They have great significance for your student as well as the school. We need to improve on these tests and it will take a sincere effort from all of us to ensure this happens.

The registration process is drawing to an end for the next school year. Please discuss with your student the classes for which they registered. Make sure they are what you envisioned your student taking. Please contact your student's counselor if you have any questions.

Keep up the good work on attendance. Our attendance at BHS is significantly better than last year. Research shows that attendance greatly impacts learning. Let's all keep up the good work and improve our daily attendance even more.

Please feel free to contact me with any concerns or suggestions. We will make mistakes, but strive to learn from them and provide the best high school experience we can for your student. Our goal is to graduate good students and good citizens.

## **PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES**

Spring Parent Teacher Conferences are scheduled for BHS on **Thursday, March 25, 2010, from 4:30 – 8:30 p.m.** We highly encourage you to attend these conferences to meet with your student's teachers. We anticipate distributing third quarter report cards to students on **Wednesday, March 24;** however, tables will be set-up in the hallways to the northeast of the Cafeteria, where parents can pick up a copy their child's report card, if needed, prior to meeting with teachers. Whether your student is enjoying success in class or struggling, it is important for you to communicate with teachers to let your student know you want to be actively involved in their education.

## BHS MUSIC DEPARTMENT PRESENTS



The Belvidere High School Music Department will present "The Wizard of Oz" the musical on **Feb 18, 19 & 20, 2010**, in the Performing Arts Center. Doors open at 6:15 p.m., curtain at 7:00 p.m.

Ticket prices are \$7.00 for adults, \$5.00 for senior citizens, and \$5.00 for students. All seats are reserved. Please call Mrs. Cantele at 547-7861, for more information.

## **ATHLETIC HAPPENINGS!**

**February 22** – Spring Parent/Athlete Meeting, Belvidere High School Performing Arts Center.  
5:00 – 6:00 p.m. – Athlete Registration  
6:00 p.m. – Parent/Athlete Meeting

Athletic policies and individual sport rules, practice schedules, expectations and requirements will be discussed.

All spring athletes must have an Athletic Release form and physical completed as well as pay an athletic fee before the first practice.

Spring sports begin:  
Boys/Girls Track – 1/18/10  
Boys Tennis – 3/1/10  
Girls Soccer – 3/1/10  
Baseball – 3/1/10  
Softball – 3/1/10

## FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID (FAFSA)

Senior students who would like to apply for federal and state financial aid for college must complete the FAFSA. The FAFSA is the federal application that is the basis for nearly all need-based aid. The form can be completed online at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov). The BHS Guidance Office has worksheets available that assist in the process. The **priority deadline** for the FAFSA is **March 1, 2010**. Parents and students can contact their school counselor for additional information regarding financial aid.

## DISTRICT #100 COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM (12TH GRADE)

The District #100 Community Scholarship Program represents the combined efforts of individuals and community organizations that have established scholarships specifically for students in District #100. Last year over \$143,000 was awarded to our students through this program.

These scholarships are provided by local community organizations and community members and each organization or donor establishes the qualifications for their specific award and selects the recipient. There are several scholarships that are available only to Belvidere High School and Belvidere North High School students.

### **Timeline:**

Applications available in BHS and BNHS Guidance Offices: **February 26, 2010**  
*Students may download applications onto a USB flash drive to work on them at home or use school computers.*

Completed applications due to BHS or BNHS Guidance Offices: **March 19, 2010**  
**No Later than 3:00 pm**

Scholarship Presentation at  
BHS Performing Arts Center: **May 20, 2010**

## AP EXAMS

Advanced Placement (AP) tests will be offered by the high school in early May. The AP tests offer college bound students certain advantages, including the opportunity to receive college credit in the AP subject (if the individual scores high enough on the AP exam) and the opportunity to experience the rigor and demands of course work the student is likely to encounter in college level classes. This year's tests include computer science, calculus, English literature, U.S. history, biology, chemistry, physics, psychology, and government. To help prospective students prepare for each exam, numerous study sessions will be held by each topic specific teacher. Students should contact their AP teacher for details of when the study sessions will occur. Cost for **each** test this year will be \$86.00. Sign up for the tests will begin on **March 8** and end on **March 22** in the Student Services Office. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Zuroske at [ezuroske@district100.com](mailto:ezuroske@district100.com) or 815/547-4570.

Specific tests will be given on the following dates:

Subject	Date	Time
Government	Monday, May 3	8:00 a.m.
Calculus	Wednesday, May 5	8:00 a.m.
English Literature	Thursday, May 6	8:00 a.m.
U.S. History	Friday, May 7	8:00 a.m.
Chemistry	Tuesday, May 11	8:00 a.m.
Psychology	Tuesday, May 11	12:00 p.m.

**INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT PROGRAM**

The State requires Public Schools to notify parents before spraying pesticides. If you want to be notified within two business days of when we will be applying insecticides, forward you name and address (phone number optional) to Mary Gould, BCUSD100 Shipping & Receiving Complex, 1034 Seventh Avenue, Belvidere, IL 61008, no later than **March 26, 2010.**

We typically do not spray during regular school days. We try to schedule spraying on days such as School Improvement or long vacation days such as Spring Break, Winter Break, etc. The only time we would spray during school hours would be on an emergency basis. Should this occur, we would be responsible to contact the parent or guardian.

**NIC-10 SCHOLAR ATHLETES**

Belvidere High School is happy to announce that 34 BHS students have earned the recognition as NIC-10 Scholar Athletes. To be eligible, a student must be a Varsity athlete with a 3.30 or higher GPA.

BHS NIC-10 Scholar Athletes for the 2009/10 Winter Sports Season are: **Kalene Abraham, Rebeca Aguilar, Cheyenne Bergmark, Mollie Bluege, Matthew Bodey, Taylor Byers, Victoria Calabrese, Carly Christenson, Jacob Culvey, Samantha Eby, Emily Ernest, Amanda Gacioch, Matthew Gardner, Shawnika Harris, Ali Hearn, Tegan Humphry, Heather Hyland, David Joe, Brycen Johnson, Emily Koneval, Ashley Kugath, Patrick McKnight, Stephen Mead, Ashlee Nieft, Emily Ollmann, Ava Oysti, Javier Padilla, Samuel Peters, Tahlar Proctor, Katlynn Rodgers, Michelle Romero, Christina Sennebogen, Robert Thomas-Pester, and Katelynn Wiegartz.**

Congratulations Bucs!

**NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY BEGINS MENTORING PROGRAM AT BSMS**

The National Honor Society of Belvidere High School has begun their South Middle School mentoring program. Volunteer members from BHS have been busy for 1/2 hour on Monday and Wednesday of each week tutoring students in need at their "sister" middle school. The program itself will continue well into the month of April for all students in need of extra help with their schooling. The program works in partnership with South's "Homework Club" program which meets immediately after school twice a week.

**BELVIDERE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS RECOGNIZED**



**Individuals  
Dedicated to  
Excellence in  
Academics**

On February 5, 2010, Belvidere High School's I.D.E.A., Individuals Dedicated to Excellence in Academics, program recognized 317 students for their outstanding performance in academics and school attendance.

To be involved in the program for each quarter, all members must maintain a minimum G.P.A. and may not have any unexcused absences and have no more than three excused absences. Students who meet these program standards have the chance to earn a variety of benefits that have been donated to the program by local businesses. The goal of the I.D.E.A. program is to provide positive rewards for students who define academic excellence in our school.

The following businesses have made generous donations to IDEA: BHS Booster Club, El Molcajete, Fast Lane Threads, Hot Heads Hair and Nail Salon, Miss Effie Schaver, Q98.5, Quiznos Subs, Sonic, Starbuck's Coffee, State Street Subs, Taco Bell, The Cove (BHS School Store), Wal-Mart, Y.M.C.A., and 97ZOK.



Among those students recognized as I.D.E.A. student members for the second quarter of the 2009-10 school year are:

Gold Card Members (4.0 GPA):

Kolin Anderson, Maxwell Bahling, Kylee Bear, Cheyenne Bergmark, Kathryn Carroll, Vanessa Covarrubias, Jessica Cross, Sara Cross, Joseph Cruz, Robert Dofflemyer, Joseph Fell, Amanda Gacioch, Richard Gessert, Hannah Gustafson, Heather Hyland, Benjamin Karlson, Emily Koneval, Jaclynn Leveille, Grace Libby, Soad Mana, Brittany Mitchell, Javier Padilla, Carina Pasillas, Kent Proffitt, Elizabeth Rodriguez, Janet Saldana, Alexander Schanna, Tori Scherer, Sarah Schroeder, Timothy Sell, Katherine Traynor, Emily Virgin, and Benjamin Walters.

Purple Card Members (3.99-3.50 GPA):

Kalene Abraham, Rebeca Aguilar, Brittany Andler, Derek Anliker, Jill Anliker, Breanna Backstrom, Lina Barraza, Airazonna Benton, Sharmine Berry, Joseph Bluege, Mollie Bluege, Austin Bowley, Abigail Broze, Joshua Broze, Margaret Broze, Taylor Byers, Brenna Carbn, Michael Carlyle, Kristopher Cepeda, Sarah Cepeda, Jacob Cheesbrough, Carly Christenson, Hannah Compton, Christopher Corral, Deshawna Davis, Deza Davis, Shelby Doser, Dylan Dutz, Derek Ernest, Emily Ernest, Jarely Espinoza, Brady Ferriter, Caitlin Flemming, Alexis Frantzen, Melissa Garbe, Cecilia Garcia, Leticia Garnica, Darien Gee, Dennis Gessert, Alyssa Gipson, Jacob Glover, Marcus Gooden, Reed Greiter, Jason Guffey, Eloisa Gutierrez, Lucas Hearn, Stephanie House, Jacqueline Hughart, Alyssa Jones, Ashley Kugath, Tracey Larson, Ryan Learn, Ismael Lopez Munoz, Michael Mahon, Devinne Martin, Steven Martin, Taylore Martin, Kelsey McKnight, Thomas McVady, Melody Mercado, Jon Merwin, Megan Miller, Megan Mishler, Alyssa Mok, Amber Naskrent, Andrea Newell, Emily Ollmann, Katie OMalley, Katelin Paris, Kayla Paris, Ronak Patel, Jeremy Pearson, Jordan Pesava, Tayler Pesava, Samuel Peters, Tahlar Proctor, Ines Ramirez, Justin Ramos, Wesley Richter, Hannah Rognstad, Jessica Rueff, Erica Sabinay, Mary Schibelka, Samantha Scholer, Vanessa Seibold, Christina Sennebogen, Andrea Shacklee, Waleed Shahbain, Hamaad Shamim, Brandon Simmons, Adam Smetters, Rachel Smiley, Cassie Smith, Jamilyn Smolik, Matthew Smolinski, Craig Steinkamp, Alyssa Stevens, Brittany Stowers, Michael Sundling, Jenny Swick, Laura Thomas, Robert Thomas Pester, Deidra Tillis, Meshia Tracey, Alec Tworek, Sureyya Uco, Daniel Vacura, Ryan Wearmouth, Trevor Weishaar, Kelli Wenger, Alexa Wesselhoff, Tiffany Whitely, Katelynn Wiegartz, Michael Yannone, and Zachary Zawada.

White Card Member (3.49-3.00 GPA):

Natalie Adasiewicz, Anna Alamilla, Hannah Anderson, Hunter Anderson, Cynthia Ayala, Khrystyna Baier, Krysta Begalka, Shana Berry, Taro Bourne, Darius Brown, Cody Bruneau, Jessica Butkevich, Victoria Calabrese, Lucia Camargo, Sarah Chappel, Ashley Chosnyk, April Cobar, Aleta Darnell, Johnny Delagarza, Alma Delgadillo, Emily DeVlieger, Lindsay Edwards, Daniel Ellwanger, Carolina Escobar, Leatrice Evans, Rebecca Fidler, Andrea Figueroa, Skyler Fisk, Courtney Fittanto, Dylan Follis, Jacob Frazier, Genna Frederick, Rhonda Freund, Emma Fritz, Eric Garcia, Karina Gaynor, Miranda Goen, Brandon Goetz, Sandra Gomez, Cecilia Granados, Miranda Gusek, Toby Halladay, Amber Hammond, Shawnika Harris, Hayley Hatfield, Kaelyn Hathaway, Courtney Hayenga, Jacob Hayes, Logan Heacock, Osiel Hernandez, Alejandro Herrera, William Hoffmann, Paige Hughes, Blaise Humphry, Tegan Humphry, Alberto Ibarra, Johnny Ivy, Brett Jensen, David Joe, Brycen Johnson, Jennifer Johnson, Walter Johnson, Benjamin Jordan, Katey Kessel, Ashley Kosmeja, Tyler Kozielec, Courtney Kugath, Kelsey Kuhar, Michael Kunz, Nickolas Kuranda, Ian Leach, Alma Leonardo, Mariah Lepart, Zachery Long, Icela Loyo, Brianna Lucas, Taylor Lucas, Kassidy Mack, Daniel Malinowski, Maria Medina, Estefnia Mejia, Alicia Meyer, Leslie Montante, Dylan Myers, Melinda Nielsen, Ashley Ostrum, Melissa Otte, Ava Oysti, Lesley Paramo, Pedro Pasillas, Dana Penze, Jeremy Penze, Katherine Peralta, Molly Perez, Ida Ramirez, Edith RamosGarcia, Penelope Reed, Hunter Renner, Hannah Reynoso, Abigail Rivas, Avelino Rivera, Alex Rodriguez, Ampelio Rodriguez, Cinthya Rodriguez, Hollie Rogman, Neil Rossi, Kyle Rueff, Frankie Rybarski, Amanda Safranek, Brittany Sanders, Sandra Santamaria, Coleton Schaffer, Margaret Schanna, Jacey Schmalen, Ashley Schulz, Ana Segarra, John Segarra, Jason Seyller, Courtney Shale, Taylor Sharp, Lexie Shattuck, Abigail Simon, Taylor Simon, Deborah Smetters, Morgan Smith, Olivia Smith, Jacqueline Sommers, Kelli Sorensen, Luke Spradling, Kane Steger, Dallas Stevens, Corey Stika, Kelsey Stone, Matthew Sundling, Ian Swick, Timothy Tank, Andrea Torres, Melody Turner, Alexis Tworek, Nick Umlor, Blanca Urbieta, Lucas Vance, Troy Vandenbroek, David Vant, Salud Vazquez, Courtney Vettore, Christian Vuorenmma, Casie Wedige, Chelsea Wells, Connie Wenger, Scott Wesley, Tori Whicker, Nicholas Wisely, and Alyssa Wolfe.

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## School Calendar - Revised

Presidents' Day (No School) .....	Monday, 02/15/10
National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) Testing (Writing) for Seniors .....	Thursday, 03/04/10
End of Third Quarter .....	Tuesday, 03/16/10
<b>BHS Parent/Teacher Conferences (4:30 – 8:30 p.m.) - Full day of student attendance .....</b>	<b>Thursday, 03/25/10</b>
School Improvement Day (No School).....	Friday, 03/26/10
Spring Break .....	Monday, 03/29/10 – Monday, 04/05/10
School Resumes .....	Tuesday, 04/06/10
Prom, Cliffbreakers .....	Saturday, 04/24/10
PSAE Testing for Juniors.....	Wednesday, 4/28/10 & Thursday, 4/29/10
<b>Semester 2 Final Exam for Seniors (Class of 2010) .....</b>	<b>Monday, 05/17/10 &amp; Tuesday, 05/18/10</b>
Last Day of Attendance for Seniors (Class of 2010) .....	Tuesday, 05/18/10
District #100 Community Scholarship Program for Seniors .....	Thursday, 05/20/10
Commencement Rehearsal (Class of 2010) and Cap & Gown Distribution, Mandatory for Seniors participating in Commencement Program .....	(9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.) Friday, 05/21/10
<b>BHS Commencement Ceremony, 5:00 p.m., Rockford MetroCentre .....</b>	<b>Sunday, 05/23/10</b>
<b>Revised dates due to the use of one snow day</b>	
<b>Semester 2 Final Exams (subject to use of emergency days) .....</b>	<b>Tuesday, 05/25/10 &amp; Wednesday, 05/26/10</b>
Last Day of Student Attendance (subject to use of emergency days).....	Wednesday, 05/26/10
End of 4th Quarter .....	Wednesday, 05/26/10
Records Day (No School) .....	Thursday, 05/27/10
Grade Distribution .....	Friday, 05/28/10
Memorial Day (No School) .....	Monday, 05/31/10
Additional Emergency Days (4 remaining) if needed .....	Wednesday, 06/01/10 – Friday, 06/04/10

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### PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES THURSDAY, MARCH 25 4:30 - 8:30 P.M. BHS CAFETERIA

Parents will confer with teachers on a first come – first served basis,  
so scheduled appointments will not be necessary.

Parents should park in the student parking lot and enter through Exit 7.

We anticipate distributing third quarter report cards to students on **Wednesday, March 24.**

Tables will be set-up in the hallways to the northeast of the Cafeteria,  
where parents can pick up a copy their child's report card, if needed,  
prior to meeting with teachers.

Parents are asked to sign in with each teacher with whom they conference.

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<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Location</b>
<b>Feb 15</b>	<b>President's Day</b>	<b>NO SCHOOL</b>	
Feb 18	Herff Jones Graduation Announcement Delivery	11:30 am – 1:00 pm	Cafeteria
Feb 18, 19, 20	BHS Musical "The Wizard of Oz"	7:30 p.m.	PAC
Feb 22	Spring Parent/Athlete Meeting – Registration	5:00-6:00 p.m.	PAC Lobby
Feb 22	Spring Parent/Athlete Meeting – Program/Meetings	6:00-8:00 p.m.	PAC
Feb 23	BHS Choral Concert	7:00 p.m.	PAC
Mar 4 & 5	Student Council Spring Blood Drive	7:00 am – 3:00 pm	PAC Lobby
Mar 8	Buc Booster Meeting	6:00 p.m.	Forum Room
Mar 12	Spring Sports Pictures	3:30 p.m.	BHS Facilities
Mar 12	Spring Sports Preview Night	7:00 – 8:00 p.m.	Funderburg Stadium
Mar 22	BHS/BSMS Band Concert	7:00 – 9:00 p.m.	PAC
Mar 24	Student Council Student/Faculty Volleyball Tournament	6:00 – 8:00 p.m.	Melvin L. Brown Gym
Mar 24	Quarter 3 Report Cards distributed to Students	8:50 a.m.	Second Period Classes
Mar 25	BHS Parent-Teacher Conferences	4:30 – 8:30 p.m.	BHS Cafeteria
<b>Mar 26</b>	<b>School Improvement Day</b>	<b>NO SCHOOL</b>	
<b>Mar 29 – Apr 5</b>	<b>Spring Break</b>	<b>NO SCHOOL</b>	
Apr 6	School Resumes		