

BHS Information Exchange

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I hope you had a happy and restful holiday season. It is a time to “recharge our batteries” and look forward to a new year. Traditionally some of us make resolutions to make positive changes in our lives for the new year. Help your student make a resolution to make the second half of the school year as successful as possible. In these tough economic times, a good quality education becomes even more important and valuable. Let’s all resolve to make the educational experience at BHS the best it can possibly be.

Attendance has improved at BHS this year. Let’s resolve to continue this positive trend. Many studies show that attendance is a critical factor in academic success. Poor attendance as early as in 6th grade, has been shown to greatly hinder a student’s ability to graduate on time. Good attendance is a vital factor in school success as well as in the work world.

Registration is getting underway for next year. Be an active partner in selecting classes with your student. Young adults sometimes have problems “seeing the big picture.” Give them guidance and encourage them to be thoughtful about their class choices and how it may affect their long term goals.

We had many successful fundraisers and “drives” before the winter break. Our students and faculty worked very hard to contribute positively to their community. We want our students to be academically successful; but, we also want them to become good citizens. At BHS, we want our students to know they must be a vital part of our community for it to be the kind of place we all want to live. It is my hope BHS is continuing to have a positive impact on the Belvidere community.

COURSE SELECTION FOR 2010-2011

All current 9th, 10th, and 11th grade students have received the paperwork necessary to choose courses for the 2010-11 school year. In addition, the students had the opportunity to view a presentation that reviewed graduation requirements, college admission requirements, and other helpful information.

During January and February, all students will have the opportunity to meet with the counselors to review course selections, ask additional questions, and turn in their completed forms. We strongly encourage parents to be active participants in the registration process. Because the counselors will be in student meetings throughout the months of January and February, email communication may be the most efficient way to communicate with the counseling staff. Counselor e-mail addresses are:

Students Last Names Beginning:	Counselor	E-Mail Address
A-G	Scott Zimmerlee	szimmerlee@district100.com
H-P	Evelyn Zuroske	ezuroske@district100.com
Q-Z & ELL	Jessica Telander	jtelande@district100.com

The final deadline for any changes in student course selections will be February 17, 2010.

DECA FINANCIAL LITERACY SEMINAR

Belvidere High School DECA will be hosting a Financial Literacy Seminar for the community of Belvidere with guest speakers from Alpine Bank. This seminar will be held Wednesday, **January 20, 2010**, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. in the Belvidere High School Forum Room.

Shari Snyder, Assistant Vice President, Alpine Bank, will be presenting Banking & Credit and **Dan Ziegler**, Portfolio Manager, Alpine Trust & Investment Group, will be presenting Investing in today's economy.

For further information, call 815-544-2019.

NEED HELP FILLING OUT YOUR FAFSA?

(Free Application for Federal Student Aid)

District 100 is here to help!

Join us for a

FAFSA Workshop



Wednesday, January 27, 2010

7:00 p.m. at the Belvidere High School
Performing Arts Center

ISACorps members from the Illinois State Assistance Commission will be on site going line by line to assist you in completing your FAFSA.

All college bound students must file this application to be considered for federal financial aid programs, the Monetary Award Program (MAP), Silas Purnell Incentive for Access (IIA) Program and federal student loans.

Any questions, contact your BHS Counselor- 815-547-4635 or BNHS Counselor- 815-547-3860

ACT PREP COURSE

JUNIORS-The Cambridge ACT Prep course starts in February. Learn test-taking tips, review math, English, and science concepts. Brochures can be picked up in the office and a brief presentation will be given in your English class.

There will be a speaker at BHS on **January 28** in the PAC regarding tips for applying to colleges -- students and parents are welcome. The presentation is free!

Practice Test and class dates are: February 6, 20, 27, and March 6 & 13 (March 20 if snow day needed).

BHS MUSIC DEPARTMENT PRESENTS:

"THE WIZARD OF OZ"

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.

Tickets go on sale **February 1, 2010**. 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.

I.D.E.A. AWARDS BREAKFAST

The second quarter I.D.E.A. (Individuals Dedicated to Excellence in Academics) awards breakfast is planned Friday, **February 5, 2010**, before school in the cafeteria. All students who meet the program standards for second quarter will receive their invitation the week of **February 1** and have the chance to earn a variety of benefits that have been donated to the program by local businesses. Our goal is to provide positive rewards for students who define academic excellence in our school. If you are interested in making a donation to I.D.E.A., please contact Gina Nomikoudis at 815-547-4695.

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 by 3 pm**
Scholarship Presentation at
BHS Performing Arts Center: **May 20, 2010**

ENGINEERING COLLEGE & CAREER NIGHT AT RVC

On Tuesday, **February 16**, RVC will be hosting an Engineering College & Career Night in the PEC 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. Colleges & Universities offering engineering programs, companies who employ engineers, and engineers who work in the field will be on hand to talk to students and parents about their programs and careers.

VALENTINES DAY REMINDER

Belvidere High School will NOT accept any floral/balloon/cookie/candy type deliveries at all from February 8 through February 12, 2010. This includes deliveries for students and staff.



Although parents and sweethearts like to surprise our students with these items, it presents a number of problems for our office staff and students. First, we simply do not have the space or the staff available to accept these gifts. Secondly, it creates a variety of problems for students. For example, balloons are not permitted on buses, and sometimes students do not hear their name when it is paged or forget to pick up their items after school. As a result, they are disappointed, and the person giving the gift is angry because it was not received.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

B-CLUB HAPPENINGS

So far this year students in BHS "B Club have: volunteered to be hosts and hostesses at the "Fall Tour of Homes" sponsored by the Belvidere Panhellenic Society; ran a "bean bag toss" at BHS Halloween Trick or Treat for elementary students; were "cheer coaches" for Special Olympics Athletes at Harlem High School; helped the Cosmopolitan Club at Belvidere's Hometown Christmas with their children's Christmas party; and sponsored four underprivileged teenagers in the Farm Bureau Young Farmer's "Angle Tree Project" by purchasing gift certificates for them to have a Christmas present of their choice.

Officers of B-Club are **Ali Hearn** (President), **Joey Korotasz** (Vice President), **Brandon Gross** (Secretary), and **Brycen Johnson** (Treasurer).

BECCA'S CLOSET NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

Becca's Closet at BHS needs willing hands to help organize the over 200 dresses we currently have in stock. Thanks to the Building Trades class and Building Club, we have all new clothes racks, which means that we need to move all the dresses from the old, falling-apart racks to these sturdy new ones.

Prom season will be upon us sooner than we think, so let's get organized now! If you have any time you can spare to help, please contact **Sandra Dycus** at Belvidere High School at sdycus@district100.com or 815-547-4687 to leave a voicemail message. Any and all help will be appreciated. Formal wear donations are always welcome, as are cash contributions.



KARE

(KEEPING AND REVITALIZING EARTH)

KARE (Keeping and Revitalizing Earth) club collected supplies and pet food for the Fresh Start Animal Shelter, during the month of December. It was very uplifting to see the end result - we collected two van loads!! A special thank you is extended to the PE classes and the faculty/staff for your generous donations.

Check out the shelter's web address: <http://www.petfinder.com/shelters/IL375.html> for a list of donations needed or better yet for a pet available for adoption, that will warm your feet (and heart) on these cold winter nights.



From left to right, back: **Jessica Cross, Sara Cross, Abby Simon, Andrew Lambaren** (Diane Kane, advisor) Front: **Ashley Spoden** and a Fresh Start Animal Rescue representative.



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January/February Events



Date	Event	Time	Location
Jan 18	Martin Luther King Day	No School	
Jan 19	Board of Education Meeting	6:00 p.m.	Central Office
Jan 20	Quarter 2/Semester 1 Report Cards distributed to students	8:50 a.m.	Second Period Classes
Jan 20	DECA Financial Literacy Seminar	5:00 p.m.	Forum Room
Jan 23	NIC-10 Cheer Conference	10:00 a.m.	Melvin L. Brown Gym
Jan 27	FAFSA Completion Workshop	7:00 p.m.	PAC
Jan 28	University/College Admissions Workshop for Juniors	6:30 p.m.	PAC
Jan 30	IHSA Cheerleading Sectionals	TBA	Melvin L. Brown Gym
Feb 3	Consumer Ed Proficiency Exam-pre-registration required	9:00 a.m.	Counseling Office
Feb 6	IHSA Wrestling Regional	TBA	Melvin L. Brown Gym
Feb 12	School Improvement Day	No School	
Feb 15	President's Day	No School	
Feb 18, 19, 20	BHS Musical "The Wizard of Oz"	7:30 p.m.	PAC