

# BHS Information Exchange

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It seems like the year is quickly moving by. Fall extracurricular activities are over and winter activities are just beginning. Thanksgiving and the winter holidays can not be too far off. We look forward to the new activities but not the weather or the flu season.

Our IDEAS program recently rewarded well over 300 students for attendance and academic performance. The number of students honored for the first quarter was an increase of over 40 from last year. Our goal should be to get that number over 400 for the next quarter. It takes an effort from all of us (parents, students, and staff) to achieve this.

Belvidere High School received its test scores for PSAT and ACT Testing for last years Juniors. The results indicated we need to do better. It will take a combined effort to obtain the results we want. Encourage your student to take weekly test prep seriously and give their best effort in class at all times.

Attendance is improving at BHS. Attending school on a regular basis is vital to good academic performance. Discuss with your student this is a life long behavior they will need to be successful in their years after school.

First quarter grade reports have been sent out and Parent-Teacher Conferences are over. Hopefully you visited with your student's teachers and discussed their grades. Talk to your student about strategies they can use to improve their grades. Open communication between parents, students, and teachers is beneficial in achieving academic success.

A quick reminder that my door is always open and I welcome feedback from parents on how we are doing. Our goal continues to be providing your student with the best educational experience possible. We need to all work together to make this a reality.

## **BELVIDERE SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET INFORMATION AND BOE DOCUMENTS**

In accordance with Section 34-43 of the Illinois School Code, budget information for Belvidere School District #100 is available on-line at [www.district100.com](http://www.district100.com). To view the budget, simply follow these links: About Us, Central Office, and Operations.

Also, from this point forward, all board agendas, board packets and supporting documentation will be done electronically. You will be able to access all items through our web site at [www.district100.com](http://www.district100.com). On the left hand side you will see a green "tree" icon for Board Docs. Click on the tree and click on "Enter Public Site." A list of current meetings will be listed. Click on the meeting you wish to view. Next to the white search box, you will see a printer icon. Click on this to print the agenda. Please note there is a simple and a detailed version of the agenda. If you would like to print out attachments (although there are not any in this packet), you would click on the agenda on the left hand side, which will bring up more detailed information and attachments on the right hand side. If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact 815-544-8603.



# ATHLETIC HAPPENINGS!

## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

**November 18 @ 7:00 p.m.** – Winter Sports Preview Night. Kick-off of winter sports with an introduction of all varsity winter athletes along with scrimmage games. Belvidere High School gyms. Times to be distributed by coaches.

**November 18** – Winter Sports Pictures, Belvidere High School gym lobby. Picture schedules and picture envelopes will be distributed to athletes prior to picture day.

## BHS IS HOSTING.....

**Hoops for Healing Basketball Tourney** in support of Cancer Research.

### **November 24<sup>th</sup>** –

Cary-Grove vs. Parkview 5:30 pm

Larkin vs. Belvidere 7:00 pm

### **November 25<sup>th</sup>** –

Hononegah vs. Larkin 5:30 pm

Belvidere vs. M. Central 7:00 pm

### **November 27<sup>th</sup>** –

Parkview vs. Larkin 12:00 pm

Round Lake vs. M. Central 1:30 pm

Woodstock vs. Hononegah 3:00 pm

Cary Grove vs. Belvidere 4:30 pm

### **November 29<sup>th</sup>** –

Final games played at Woodstock HS

Belvidere vs. Woodstock 4:30 pm

## WINTER SPORTS SCHEDULES:

To find the most updated and accurate information regarding the winter sports schedules, log on to [www.HighSchoolSports.net](http://www.HighSchoolSports.net). Changes and updates are posted daily!

## BASKETBALL CLINIC FOR 4<sup>TH</sup>-6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

The BHS Lady Buc Basketball players will be hosting a basketball clinic for 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> graders who want to sharpen their basketball skills while HAVING FUN! The Clinic will be December 29 & 30 from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. in the BHS Melvin L. Brown Gymnasium. There is no cost for this clinic, but you must pre-register in order to attend. Forms are available in the BHS Athletic Office. For further information, you may contact Coach Bukoski @ 815-547-4550 or [tbukoski@district100.com](mailto:tbukoski@district100.com).

## CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Students who change residence within the district must submit proof of residency for the new address. This proof must be in the form of a current electric or gas bill (no more than one to two months old) and must be brought to the Data Processor in the Guidance Office. Students must also inform the district of changes in telephone numbers.



## ATTENDANCE PHONE NUMBERS

Just a reminder that the telephone numbers for parents to report student absences are:



**Freshmen & Sophomores - 815-547-3718**

**Juniors & Seniors - 815-547-6373**

## SNOW DAYS/SCHOOL CLOSING PROCEDURES

As we enter the winter months, the potential for school closings due to inclement weather or impassable roads increases. The decision to close the schools is made at approximately 5:30 a.m. of the day school is to close. This decision is a cooperative one between the Director of Transportation and the School Superintendent.



The district will notify parents via telephone of a school cancellation due to inclement weather. A school cancellation call will be made to the student's home number beginning at 5:45 a.m. In the event you do not receive a call, please notify us at 815-547-6345 the next day. Always check with local TV and radio stations to verify that school will be in session.

The following television and radio stations will carry news of school closings in Belvidere beginning no later than 6:30 a.m.

Television: WREX-13, WTVO-17, and WIFR-23.

Radio: WROK-1440AM, WZOK-97.5FM, and WKMQ-96.7FM.

Emergency weather information will also be posted on the District's website ([www.district100.com](http://www.district100.com)).

## A MADRIGAL DINNER

On Friday, November 20, 2009, at 6:30 p.m., the Belvidere High School Choral Department will present . . .

### *A Madrigal Dinner*

*Join us for our Yuletide Feast...*

*"Where back to Old England we'll go,  
In the time of winter, the time of snow...*

*For Music and for revelry,*

*For singing and good company...*

*So Lords and Ladies, come one and all,  
Join us in our Banquet Hall!*

The menu is roasted pork with mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, beverage and dessert. Tickets are \$12 per person. This event will be held at the BHS Performing Arts Center. All seats are reserved; tickets can be ordered by calling **Karen Cantele** at 815-547-6345, extension 7861.

## NEWS FROM THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT

The following students will participate in the Illinois Music Educators Association (IMEA) District Music Festival at Northern Illinois University, in DeKalb, on Saturday, November 22, 2008.

### In the band:

Sr. Band: **Courtney Vettore & Megan Miller**

### In the Choruses:

Sr. Chorus: **Everett Fitts & Joey Bluege**

Jr. Chorus:

**Katrina Jones, Kelli Wenger & Abbe Broze**

The concerts will be in the student center, The Duke Ellington Ballroom, at Northern Illinois University (NIU) with Junior Chorus at 4:00 p.m. and Senior Chorus and Senior Band at 7:00 p.m. There is a concert fee of \$5.00 for adults with senior citizens and children being free.

**Michael Carlyle** participated in the IMEA Sr. Orchestra on Saturday, November 14, at Augustana College.

## BELVIDERE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS RECOGNIZED

On November 9, 2009, Belvidere High School's I.D.E.A., Individuals Dedicated to Excellence in Academics, program recognized 371 students for their outstanding performance in academics and school attendance.

To be involved in the program for each quarter, all members must maintain a 3.0 minimum G.P.A.,

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.

Current partners with I.D.E.A. are: **Ashley's Salon, BHS Booster Club, BHS Journalism, BHS Video Club, Burger King, The Cove, El Molcajete, Fast Lane Threads, McDonalds, Quiznos Subs, Rockford IceHogs, Shopko, Sonic, State Street Subs, The Sweetery, Wal-Mart, and the YMCA.**

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

### Gold Card Members (4.0 GPA):

**Kalene Abraham, Kolin Anderson, Kylee Bear, Cheyenne Bergmark, Kathryn Carroll, Sara Cross, Joseph Cruz, Dalton Danielson, Robert Dofflemyer, Emily Ernest, Amanda Gacioch, Kathryn Gallagher, Hannah Gustafson, Heather Hoffmann, Heather Hyland, David Joe, Benjamin Karlson, Felicia Konaszewski, Emily Koneval, Soad Mana, Kelsey McKnight, Brittany Mitchell, Shelby Osterberg, Ronak Patel, Kent Proffitt, Katlynn Rodgers, Elizabeth Rodriguez, Alexander Schanna, Tori Scherer, Sarah Schroeder, Cassie Smith, Michael Sundling, Benjamin Walters, Alexa Wesselhoff, Tiffany Whitely, Zachary Zawada, and Melissa Zintl.**

### Purple Card Members (3.99-3.50 GPA):

**Rebeca Aguilar, Anna Alamilla, Garrett Anderson, Hannah Anderson, Brittany Andler, Jill Anliker, Maxwell Bahling, Dylan Barr, Jeremy Bayles, Joseph Bluege, Mollie Bluege, Taro Bourne, Abigail Broze, Joshua Broze, Brenna Carbno, Sarah Cepeda, Jacob Cheesbrough, Ashley Chosnyk, Carly Christenson, Hannah Compton, Deza Davis, Deshawna Davis, Dylan Dutz, Derek Ernest, Carolina Escobar, Rebecca Fidler, Brian Fike, Skyler Fisk, Caitlin Flemming, Alexis Frantzen, Antonio Fregoso, Rachel Garbe, Leticia Garnica, Darien Gee, Dennis Gessert, Alyssa Gipson, Jacob Glover, Olivia Goins, Marcus Gooden, Reed Greiter, Brianna Grimes, Eloisa Gutierrez, Toby Halladay, Logan Heacock, Lucas Hearn, Jacqueline Hughart, Tegan Humphry, Jennifer Johnson, Kirk Johnston, Samantha Jones, Corinna Kipke, Tyler Kozielec, Ashley Kugath, Michael Kunz, Andrew Lambaren, Flavio Leanos, Ryan Learn, Mariah Lepart, Cesar Lira, Ismael Lopez Munoz, Kassidy Mack, Daniel Malinowski,**

Taylor Martin, Amanda Mazzuca, Patrick McKnight, Daisy Mechler, Melody Mercado, Megan Miller, Megan Mishler, Alyssa Mok, Leslie Montante, Eric Mortensen, Joshua Murphy, Amber Naskrent, Charles Normand, Vanity Olvera, Katie OMalley, Ashley Ostrum, Carina Pasillas, Jeremy Pearson, Jordan Pesava, Tayler Pesava, Samuel Peters, Tahlia Proctor, Curtis Prolic, Ashley Quick, Ines Ramirez, Justin Ramos, Hannah Reynoso, Avelino Rivera, Hollie Rogman, Hannah Rognstad, Neil Rossi, Erica Sabinay, Amanda Safranek, Sandra Santamaria, Ashley Selsing, Christina Sennebogen, Waleed Shahbain, Taylor Sharp, Lexie Shattuck, Rachel Smiley, Jamilyn Smolik, Craig Steinkamp, Alyssa Stevens, Dallas Stevens, Kelsey Stone, Jenny Swick, Robert Thomas Pester, Danika Tillis, Deidra Tillis, Meshia Tracey, Katherine Traynor, Alec Tworek, Sureyya Ucok, Emily Virgin, Ryan Wearmouth, Trevor Weishaar, Jessica Westbrook, Tori Whicker, and Michael Yannone.

White Card Member (3.49-3.00 GPA):

Daisy Aguirre, Alex Andersen, Destiny Atienza, Trevor Austin, Khrystyna Baier, Lina Barraza, David Beach, Raul Bences, Jacob Bodey, Mitchell Boehning, Michelle Bonnen, Bethany Brosman, Claire Brown, Cody Bruneau, Jessica Butkevich, Victoria Calabrese, Michael Carlyle, Sarah Chappel, Isiah Clayton, April Cobar, Jeffery D'Angelo, Johnny Delagarza, Robert Derkson, Emily DeVlieger, Allison Dillingham, Shelby Doser, Lindsay Edwards, Daniel Ellwanger, Brady Ferriter, Cortney Fittanto, Everett Fitts, Andrew Fowler, Mark Fox, Samantha Frantzen, Jacob Frazier, Emma Fritz, Angela Fuscone-Dillon, Alex Gallardo, Melissa Garbe, Eric Garcia, Matthew Gardner, Karina Gaynor, Bradley Gee, Adam Gharib, Alberto Gloria, Miranda Goen, Ricardo Gomez, Cecilia Granados, Kaelyn Hathaway, Tyler Hathaway, Joshua Hauser, Jacob Hayes, Whitney Hebel, Max Hendrickson, Lizahira Hernandez, Melissa Hernandez, Olivia Hernandez-Santoyo, Stephanie House, Paige Hughes, Blaise Humphry, Jeffrey Humphry, Alberto Ibarra, Vincenzo Ingersoll, Johnny Ivy, Brett Jensen, Andrea Kessel, Katey Kessel, Ashley Kosmeja, Caleb Krahn, Wesley Kramer, Cortney Kugath, Kelsey Kuhar, Amanda Labadie, Jonathon Langel, Kimberlee Liedberg, Damian Loch, Zachery Long, Fernando Lopez, Sara Lopez, Taylor Lucas, Haley Lundin, Iliana Macias, Michael Maggio, Edward Marquez, Devinne Martin, Zachery Martin, Bree Maticic, Aislinn Mok, Dylan Myers, Matthew Nyman, Emily Ollmann, Melissa Otte, Ava Oysti, Lesley Paramo, Pedro Pasillas, Katherine Peralta, Molly Perez, Rynston Phua, John Popilek, Ida Ramirez, Hunter Renner, Kendra Repay, Maria Resendiz, Jessica Ribandt, Curtis Rice, Montana Rice, Wesley Richter, Abigail Rivas, Ivonne Robles, Alex Rodriguez,

Ampelio Rodriguez, Julian Rodriguez, Raquelle Sample, Jacey Schmalen, Cassandra Scholl, John Segarra, Vanessa Seibold, Jason Seyller, Courtney Shale, Hamaad Shamim, Samantha Shernaman, Brandon Simmons, Abigail Simon, Taylor Simon, Aaron Slaven, Deborah Smetters, Olivia Smith, Jacqueline Sommers, Kelli Sorensen, Shania Spoden, Samantha Stanko, Matthew Sundling, Danielle Susanke, Timothy Tank, Austin Tepp, Trever Thomas, Melody Turner, Alexis Tworek, Nick Umlor, Blanca Urbietta, Karissa Van Keuren, Lucas Vance, Troy Vandenbroek, Salud Vazquez, Courtney Vettore, Chelsea Wells, Connie Wenger, Kelli Wenger, Ashlee Werner, Scott Wesley, Nicholas Wisely, Alyssa Wolfe, and Courtney Ziegler.

NIC-10 SCHOLAR ATHLETES

Belvidere High School is happy to announce that 75 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 Fall Sports Season are: Jimmy Aguilar, Rebeca Aguilar, Garrett D. Anderson, Joseph Reinhold Bluege, Taro Bourne, Taylor J. Byers, Kathryn E. Carroll, Jacob John Cheesbrough, Carly R. Christenson, Deshawna Susan Davis, Deza Mea Davis, Ashley Idalid Delreal, Alonso Diaz, Robert W. Dofflemeyer III, Emily E. Ernest, Carolina X. Escobar, Brady Ferriter, Caitlin N. Flemming, Amanda Gacioch, Rachel Garbe, Dana L. Glasenapp, Marcus J. Gooden, Shawnika L. Harris, Jacob C. Hayes, Ali Christine Hearn, Osiel Hernandez, Tegan T. Humphry, Heather Renae Hyland, Vincenzo Ingersoll, Brycen M. Johnson, Kirk A. Johnston, Daniel J. King, Michael P. Mahon, Zachery F. Martin, Rebecka G. McCarty, Kelsey M. McKnight, Stephen C. Mead, Melody A. Mercado, Megan Elizabeth Miller, Brittany Mitchell, Eric Scott Mortensen, Vanessa Elena Moya, Joshua Hampton Murphy, Amber Lynn Naskrent, Andrea Elizabeth Newell, Katie E. OMalley, Ava M. Oysti, Javier Padilla, Alejandra Pasillas, Ronak Suresh Patel, Molly O. Perez, Samuel M. Peters, Casey S. Petty, Elizabeth Rodriguez, Michelle E. Romero, Neil A. Rossi, Janet Saldana, Breanna L. Saso, Coletton R. Schaffer, Alexander C. Schanna, Tori Lynn Scherer, Timothy A. Sell, Danielle K. Senn, Shana M. Sewick, Courtney N. Shale, Olivia Marie Smith, Dallas P. Stevens, Dalton J. Stokes, Bobby Pester, Sureyya Ucok, Troy A. Vandenbroek, Benjamin Kirk Walters, Trevor Donald Weishaar, Kelli A. Wenger, and Jessica Ann Westbrook.

Congratulations Bucs!

## ART STUDENTS IN THE NEWS

Congratulations to **Jerry Ponce** and **Hannah Compton** for representing Belvidere High School in the 2009 High School Invitational at Northern Illinois University. Jerry created a non-objective black and white photograph while Hannah composed a pen and ink piece dealing with current social issues. Their work will be on display on the second floor of NIU's Art Building open daily. A reception and award presentation will be on Saturday, November 14 from 12:00-12:30 p.m.

BHS Senior **Andrew Stewart** and art instructor **Jilian Reints** both have work on display at the Brick coffee shop and art house in Belvidere. Andrews work includes a moving water color portrait. Former BHS graduate **Ashley Dale** also has hand crafted jewelry on display along with her color pencil work. The Brick is open from 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday and Saturday as well. Come see some great art!

The Belvidere High School Art Club with advisor Jilian Reints has again been invited back to help paint the Opening sign for the Thanksgiving Day parade. Last year, six art club members helped Northern Illinois University students paint a 40 foot sign on State Street in Chicago that read McDonald's Thanksgiving Day Parade. This year, we will be assisting Columbia College in gridding, drawing, and painting the mural size sign that everyone in the parade will be marching across. It is a great honor to be invited back and a testament to the hard work and dedication of our students. Tune in to WGN on November 26 to see these fine students' handy work!

## DECA

Belvidere High School's DECA chapter, an Association of Marketing Students, has grown tenfold in four years. Now one of its members is taking a high-profile position with DECA at the state level.

Belvidere High School student **Danika Tillis** is one of four Illinois DECA vice presidents. Illinois DECA is led by its board of directors and the student officers. Illinois currently has over 2,000 DECA members.(See Rockford Register Star article <http://www.rrstar.com/news/schools/x1520364611/Belvidere-student-a-VP-for-state-DECA>)

"Believing in growing leaders isn't difficult, the hard part is believing in yourself and your fellow club members," Tillis said. She's looking forward to serving on the state board and putting Belvidere High on the map.

"It'll help my school, it'll help me personally to develop more leadership skills, have more experiences and network with more people," she said. "I'm very excited for that. It's a lot of work, but it will be beneficial in the end."

Belvidere High School's DECA chapter began with fewer than a dozen members. Now, in its fourth year, the club has nearly 120 members. Danika competed with other candidates from around the state for the officer position. Candidates had to complete an officer packet complete with resume, essay responses, transcripts and goal statements. Each candidate took a DECA/Marketing knowledge exam, participated in formal interviews and gave two speeches outlining their goals for DECA at the state level. Two delegates from each participating school at the State Executive Conference listened and asked the candidates questions before voting on the final five officers.

Mr. Hobbs, BHS DECA Chapter Advisor, stated that, "This is our second state officer in five years and I believe is a good testament to the quality of students we have here at Belvidere High school. Initiative, self discipline, organization, communication and strong interpersonal skills are the characteristics we know today's industries demand from their employees – DECA provides an opportunity for students to develop those skills. Danika is the right person for leading Belvidere High School's chapter and the state. She is a great role model for other students."

For more information about IL DECA visit [www.ildeca.org](http://www.ildeca.org)

**Danika Tillis**  
Vice President of the  
Illinois Deca State  
Officer Action Team





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## November/December Events



<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Location</b>
Nov 16	Buc Booster Meeting	6:00 p.m.	Room 71
Nov 16	Board of Education Meeting	6:00 p.m.	Central Office
Nov 18	Winter Sports Pictures	3:30 p.m.	BHS Facilities
Nov 18	Winter Sports Preview Night	7:00-8:00 p.m.	Gymnasiums
Nov 20	Madrigal Dinner	6:30 p.m.	PAC
Nov 21	IMEA Band/Chorus District Festival	8:00a - 9:00p	NIU, DeKalb
Nov 24	Winter Sports Pep Assembly	2:30-2:55 p.m.	Melvin L. Brown Gym
<b>Nov 25-27</b>	<b>Thanksgiving Break</b>	<b>NO SCHOOL</b>	
Nov 30	National Honor Society Induction Ceremony	7:00 p.m.	Cafeteria
Dec 1	Target Date for Mailing 2nd Quarter Progress Rptrs		
Dec 1	BHS Band Concert	7:00 p.m.	PAC
Dec 1	Incoming Freshmen Parent Night at BHS	7:00 p.m.	Cafeteria
Dec 3	BSMS Choral Concert	7:00 p.m.	PAC
Dec 5	BHS Marching Bucs - Hometown Christmas Parade	10:00 a.m.	Downtown Belvidere
Dec 10	BHS Winter Choral Concert	7:00 p.m.	PAC
Dec 14	Board of Education Meeting	6:00 p.m.	Central Office
Dec 14	BSMS Band Concert	7:00 p.m.	PAC
<b>Dec 17-18</b>	<b>Semester 1 Final Exams</b>		
<b>Dec 21-Jan 1</b>	<b>Winter Break</b>	<b>NO SCHOOL</b>	