

BHS Information Exchange

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Spring Break will be arriving in a couple of weeks and the end of the school year cannot be too far off. As the year progresses, time seems to fly even faster. Students are beginning to plan for things such as Prom, Graduation, and summer activities. It is our hope your student strives to do their best and finishes the school year in a positive manner. BHS hopes to provide the best educational experience for all of its students.

State testing for Juniors is not too far off. We need to all stress the importance of your student doing their very best on these tests. The school and your student are both judged on the results. Students who take the testing seriously will do better. It is our job to provide the best opportunity for success that we can.

Please keep up the good work on attendance. BHS attendance was up over 4% from February of last year. Research shows that the amount of learning done by your student is directly tied to attendance. This is a school skill and a future workplace skill.

Please remember to attend Parent-Teacher Conferences on **March 25, 2010**. It is important to have communication between you and your student's teacher. We will have a drawing for those who attend.

BHS continues to be involved in the community. We are striving to develop good students and good citizens. Please be supportive of our community service initiatives.

Help us make BHS the best possible school it can be. We welcome suggestions for improvement. With your support, it is our goal to have all of our students reach their full potential.

SPRING PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

THURSDAY, MARCH 25

4:30 - 8:30 P.M.

BHS CAFETERIA

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

Parents will confer with teachers on a first come – first served basis,
so scheduled appointments will not be necessary; and
are asked to sign in with each teacher with whom they conference.

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 of their child's report card, if needed, prior to meeting with teachers.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Date	Event
April 24	Prom: Dinner 6:00 - 8:00* p.m. Dance 8:00* - 11:00 p.m. Cliffbreakers, Rockford,IL *Exact times still to be determined
April 28 & 29	Prairie State Achievement Exam for Juniors
May 17 & 18	Semester 2 Final Exams for Seniors (Class of 2010)
May 18	Last Day of Senior Attendance
May 20	District #100 Community Scholarship Prog, 7:00 p.m., PAC
May 21	Cap & Gown Distribution / Commencement Rehearsal, Melvin L. Brown Gymnasium Mandatory for Seniors participating in Commencement Program
May 23	Commencement, 5:00 p.m., Rockford MetroCentre
May 25 & 26*	Second Semester Final Exams
May 26*	Last Day Student Attendance
May 28*	Grade Distribution 9:00-11:00 a.m.

*Pending no additional Emergency Days

AP EXAMS

Advanced Placement (AP) tests will be offered 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 calculus, English literature, U.S. history, chemistry, and government. To help prospective students prepare for each exam, numerous study sessions will be held by each topics specific teacher. Students should contact their AP teacher for details on study sessions. Cost for **each** test this year will be \$86.00. Sign up for the tests began **March 8**, and will end **March 22**, in the Student Services Office. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Zuroske at 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 Lit	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.

SOCK HOP FOR HAITI

BHS Student Council is hosting a SOCK HOP FOR HAITI, Saturday, **March 20, 2010**, 1:00 - 8:00 p.m., at Belvidere South Middle School.

Registration for Competing Couples is at 1:00 p.m., with dancing from 1:30 - 7:30 p.m., and Awards Ceremony immediately following. Cost to Compete is \$20 per couple, with a first place award of \$100.00. A meal is included with the registration.



Spectator Admission is: Students and Senior Citizens: \$2.00; Adults: \$3.00; 12 and Under: Free

For further information contact **Mrs. Leann Dunlap** at 815-547-4655 or ldunlap@district100.com.

BHS "GOT TALENT?"

On Thursday, **April 8, 2010**, at 7:30 p.m., the theatre department will be sponsoring the ALL BHS TALENT NIGHT! Students, staff and faculty have all been invited to take the stage and share their talent during an evening that promises to be filled with fun and surprises. The evening will be hosted by **Mrs. Sue Holmes** from the English department. Admission to the ALL BHS TALENT NIGHT is only \$5.00 and available at the door the night of the performance. Proceeds from the evening will benefit the Susan G. Komen 3 Day Walk for Breast Cancer Research. Not only will you enjoy a night of incredible talent, but you will also be supporting a great cause. Make your plans now to join us.

DOIN' TIME, TIME TAKES A LICKIN' AND KEEPS ON TICKIN'

On Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, **April 15, 16, and 17, 2010**, the BHS theatre department tradition continues!!! DOIN' TIME, the improvisational theatre ensemble, will take the stage at 7:30. This is the 11th edition of DOIN' TIME at Belvidere High School and the 23rd edition of the ensemble. This year's cast of **Aaron Gloria, Katey Kessel, Randi Murawski, Eric Mortensen, Carlie Austin, Alberto Gloria, Chelsea Whitely, Meg Miller, Nick Ortiz, and Rachel Slack** will provide an evening of original comedy that will leave you laughing. Don't miss DOIN' TIME, TIME TAKES A LICKIN' AND KEEPS ON TICKIN'. Tickets are \$5 and available at the door. We're saving a seat for you!!

BUILDING TRADES PROGRAM OPEN HOUSE

Come and see this beautiful 2,400 square foot Ranch styled home built by the high school students at Belvidere Community Unit School District #100.

To showcase this exceptional home, on Sunday, **April 11, 2010** from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m., the Building Trades Program will have an Open House for the community.



3021 Huntington Drive, Belvidere, IL 61108

Approximately 45 juniors and seniors in the Building Trades Program from both high schools, worked over a year and a half on the design and construction of this 3 bedroom, 2-1/2 car, custom built home.

The home has many exclusive and custom touches such as heated tiled floors, a see through gas fired fireplace, tray ceilings with accent lighting, built-in cabinets, window seating, solid oak doors and trim and much more.

For additional information, contact Mr. Larry Doss, by calling 815-494-4192 or 815-547-4594 or e-mail at ldoss@district100.com.

MR. BHS

SAVE THE DATE!!!!!!!!!! Belvidere High School Student Council will be hosting the Third Annual "MR. BHS" Contest on Saturday, **May 1, 2010**, at 7:00 p.m. in the Belvidere High School Performing Arts Center.



Competition categories will include talent, spirit, beachwear, formal wear and an interview question. Cost of admission is \$5.00 with proceeds to be contributed towards two Community Service Scholarships.

Don't miss out on the FUN! FUN!! FUN!!!

For additional information, contact Mrs. Dunlap at ldunlap@district100.com.

PROM 2010 - "City Lights: A Night on the Town"

This year's Prom will be held at Cliffbreakers in Rockford on Saturday, **April 24, 2010**. Dinner will begin at 6:00 p.m. and will feature a combination entrée of Petite Filet Mignon and Herb Crusted Chicken, dinner salad, potato, vegetable, rolls, dessert, and unlimited soda. A vegetarian pasta entrée will also be available. Tickets are \$50.00 per person and will be for sale beginning in mid-April. Prom is open to BHS Juniors and Seniors and their guests. A guest must be at least a sophomore in high school and must be no older than age 20 at the time of the Prom. BHS students whose guests are **NOT** BHS students must have a properly completed guest approval form turned in to the Main Office at BHS prior to purchasing his/her Prom ticket. Guest approval forms are **now available** in the BHS Main Office and should be completed and returned as quickly as possible. Questions should be directed to **Mrs. Karen Cantele** at 815-547-7861 or kcantele@district100.com.

LEARNING CENTER NEWS

The BHS Learning Center is open Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Students are encouraged to stop by to check-out books, use the computers, and study in a welcoming environment. This year the Learning Center promoted books nominated by students in the state of Illinois and the winner for the 2010 Abraham Lincoln High School book award is *City of Bones* by Cassandra Clare. Many BHS students enjoyed reading this book. Encourage your student to be on the lookout for new books coming to the Learning Center in the spring of 2010.

BECCA'S CLOSET: WHERE GIRLS IN NEED GET DRESSED FOR HOMECOMING AND PROM

Prom and Military Ball season is just around the corner, and countless **Belvidere area** high school girls will find it hard to afford the increasingly high cost of attending their proms. Each year, countless girls stay home while their classmates celebrate this right of passage.

Becca's Closet is here to help. Becca's Closet is a non-profit organization founded in memory of **Rebecca Kirtman**, who collected and donated dresses to the girls in her high school when she was just 14 years old. With the help of media attention and word of mouth, word of her work spread and donations of dresses and storage space allowed her to help over 200 South Florida girls. Becca's Closet

has grown into a national organization, with over 80 chapters throughout the United States.

Becca's Closet donates new and gently worn formal dresses, free of charge, to high school girls who would be unable to afford to attend their homecomings, proms and military balls without our help. **Student and adult volunteers and donations of dresses are always welcome.** Over the last five years, Becca's Closet has helped thousands of girls attend these formal events.

Our distribution site in Boone County is at Belvidere High School in Room 234. Girls must present a current high school identification or proof of enrollment at the time of their appointments. **Becca's Closet works on the honor system and does not require formal proof of financial need.** There are lots of dresses and accessories in stock to choose from. **Just make an appointment with Ms. Dycus (815-547-4687 / sdycus@district100.com) or Mrs. Hulstedt (815-547-4167 / lhulstedt@district100.com) to see what we have!**

We are asking for your help to spread the word that Becca's Closet is here to help ALL **BOONE COUNTY** girls with financial need so that they can feel as much a part of their high school experiences as anyone else.

With your help, no girl will have to miss her prom.



BHS PBIS RECOGNIZES STUDENTS

On Thursday, **February 25, 2010**, Belvidere High School PBIS team hosted a reception to recognize students who followed our Belvidere Buc Behavior: Have Respect for Yourself and Others.

There are three Belvidere Buc Behaviors:

- Be where you are supposed to be when you are supposed to be there.**
- Have respect for yourself and others.**
- Shut off all electronic devices.**

During the months of December and January, staff members nominated students for displaying the second Buc Behavior of Respect.

Ninety students and their parents, along with the forty staff members who nominated them, were invited to attend the recognition reception, which was very well attended by parents, students, and teachers. At the reception, each student received a special certificate in appreciation of their efforts and gave students, teachers, and parents a chance to talk about the positive behaviors that these students have displayed.

Students recognized included: **Anthony Anderson, Hannah Anderson, Brittany Andler, Janet Bautista, Shana Berry, Joseph Bluege, Mollie Bluege, Sara Brancecum, Darius Brown, Robert Budron, Anthony Burns, Gamael Capetillo, Natasha Chilson, Jessica Cross, Jacob Culvey, Malorie Fahey, Caitlin Flemming, Jacob Frazier, Angela Fuscone-Dillon, Amanda Gacioch, Jasmine Garcia, Bradley Gee, Joel Gonzalez, Juan Gonzalez, Devin Harbison, Courtney Heinzman, Jonathan Hernandez, Cristian Huizar, Blaise Humphry, Heather Hyland, Humberto Juarez, Jeremy Jung, Catalina Jurado, Timothy Kadisak, Nickolas Kuranda, Soad Mana, Emilee Markey, Devinne Martin, Britani Mathews, Bree Maticic, Jazmine Maticic, Kelsey McKnight, Daisy Mechler, Eduardo Mendoza, Jon Merwin, Vanessa Moya, Rene Muneton, Savannah Murawski, Ashlee Nieft, Austin Nofsinger, Jonathan Olvera, Ashley Ostrum, Nicole Papworth, Edith Ramos-Garcia, Zayrian Richards, Alex Rodriguez, Denisse Rodriguez, Julian Rodriguez, Kyle Rogers, Andrew Romero, Amanda Safranek, Jacey Schmalen, Christopher Scott, Ana Segarra, Vanessa Seibold, Michael Silis, Brandon Simmons, Jamilyn Smolik, Matthew Smolinski, Alexandra Stringini, Ian Swick, Robert Thomas-Pester, Deidra Tillis, Antonio Torres, Jaime Underwood, Joshua Wikstrom, Zachary Zawada, and Melissa Zintl.**

In addition, three students, three teachers, and three parents had their names randomly drawn to win prizes of gift certificates.

The **Belvidere Wal-Mart** has been a generous supporter of the BHS PBIS efforts by giving us a donation which went towards purchasing refreshments for the event and prizes.

BHS STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN LEADERSHIP SEMINAR

Two Belvidere High School students, **Max Bahling** and **Craig Steinkamp** (both Sophomores) were selected and nominated to represent Belvidere High School in the NYLF (National Youth Leadership Foundation) seminar on National Security from **February 23-28** in Washington, D.C. Both boys participated in a four-day simulation of potential threats to our nation's security as well as listening to both American as well as foreign-born government leaders briefing them on the nation's (and world's) safety. Topics included relationships with foreign nations regarding potential threats as well as domestic policies in place to secure our nation from possible world actions. These issues were addressed by visiting a variety of on-site locations to stress this very problem as it exists today. These sites included various governmental locales such as U.S. military installations as well as a variety of foreign embassies such as the People's Republic of China. Also, to underscore our nation's role, the students visited a wide range of American memorial sites (FDR Memorial, Lincoln Memorial, Arlington Cemetery, Vietnam Wall, Korean War Memorial, Jefferson Memorial, etc.) where they were accompanied by members of the NYLF.

Both boys were also expected to accept roles within the government framework to understand individual roles in the security process. Max was given the position of Secretary of Defense and Craig took on the role as Senate Majority Leader. Each was given the task of working with other students in a variety of other roles to formulate and understand American policy. Both boys were nominated by Social Studies instructor, **Mr. Ryan Geary**.



Pictured, left to right: Max Bahling, Mr. Ryan Geary, and Craig Steinkamp.

ART NEWS

Youth Art Month Poster

Congratulations to former student **Tiffany Seymour** for having her art work accepted for Illinois Art Education Associations' Youth Art Month Poster. Every year IAEA chooses 20 works of art, out of over 300, to create a poster for YAM in March. Tiffany worked under the direction of art teacher, **Mrs. Jilian Reints**, to create a water color self portrait depicting things she would leave behind after graduation. The poster will be on display, through the end of March, at Belvidere High School as well as the **Brick Café** located at 615 South State Street, Belvidere.



Thank you to Tiffany for representing the talented students from the art department at Belvidere High School.

2010 Rock Valley College High School Exhibition

Congratulations to **Allie Pasillas** for representing Belvidere High School's art department, winning Juror's Mention in the 2010 Rock Valley College High School Exhibition! Allie worked under the direction of photography teacher, **Mrs. Jilian Reints**, to create a black and white, panoramic shot of a busy city street. The award winning piece will be on display at Rock Valley College through the end of the March.



GERMAN STUDENTS PROVIDE HELP

Belvidere High School German students have been working to extend needed help for people outside of their normal high school community. In the immediate aftermath of the earthquake in Haiti, German Club members collected money from students during lunch periods, and were able to send a check for \$105.00 to the Red Cross within a week of the event. In the weeks leading up to Easter, students have focused their attention locally by donating 21 Easter baskets to the Salvation Army for children whose families are in financial need.



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March / April Events

Date	Event	Time	Location
Mar 15	Board of Education Meeting	6:00 p.m.	Central Office
Mar 16	End of 3 rd Quarter		
Mar 19	Spring Sports Pep Assembly	2:30 p.m.	Melvin L. Brown Gym
Mar 20	Belvidere Wrestling – Open Tournament	7:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Melvin L. Brown Gym
Mar 20	Sock Hop for Haiti	1:30 -7:30 p.m.	BSMS
Mar 22	BHS/BSMS Band Concert	7:00 – 9:00 p.m.	PAC
Mar 24	Quarter 3 Report Cards distributed to Students	8:50 a.m.	Second Period Classes
Mar 24	Student Council Student/Faculty Volleyball Tournament	6:00 – 8:00 p.m.	Melvin L. Brown Gym
Mar 25	BHS Parent-Teacher Conferences	4:30 – 8:30 p.m.	BHS Cafeteria
Mar 26	School Improvement Day	NO SCHOOL	
Mar 29 – Apr 5	Spring Break	NO SCHOOL	
Apr 6	School Resumes		
Apr 8	BHS “Got Talent?” – All BHS Talent Night	7:30 p.m.	PAC
Apr 10	ACT Assessment Test	8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	BNHS Cafeteria
Apr 10	DECA Community Craft Fair	11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.	BHS Cafeteria
Apr 11	Boys Track Applebees Flapjack Fundraiser	8:00-10:00 a.m.	Belvidere Applebees
Apr 12	Buc Booster Meeting	6:00 p.m.	BHS Forum Room
Apr 13	Fall Cheerleading Try-Out Parent Meeting	7:00 p.m.	BHS Learning Center
Apr 14	Newspaper Faculty/Student Basketball Game	6:00-8:00 p.m.	Melvin L. Brown Gym
Apr 15, 16, 17	Doin’ Time: Time Takes a Lickin’ and Keeps on Tickin’	6:00 – 9:00 p.m.	PAC
Apr 21	Meehan Elementary Concert	6:30 p.m.	PAC
Apr 24	PROM 2010 at Cliffbreakers	6:00 - 11:00 p.m.	Rockford, IL