

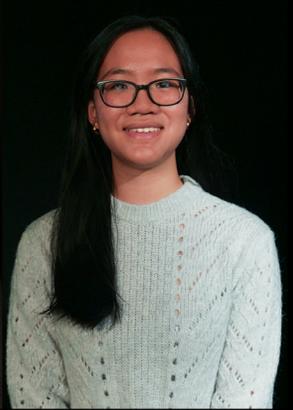
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THE OFFICIAL BYRAM HILLS HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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2020 CUM LAUDE SOCIETY INDUCTEES

CUM LAUDE SOCIETY INDUCTION CEREMONY

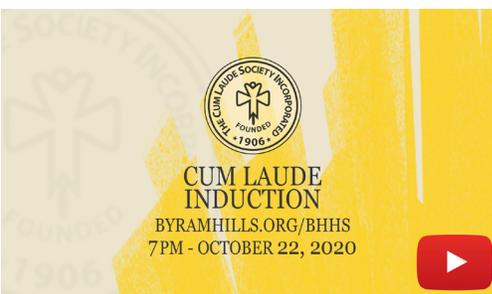
On October 22nd, nineteen seniors were inducted into the Cum Laude Society, the high school's academic honor society. Cum Laude is modeled on Phi Beta Kappa, as the high school equivalent, to recognize the scholastic achievements of seniors. Cum Laude was started in 1906 and today there are over 350 chapters in the United States. Seniors who have achieved grade point averages in the top ten percent of their class are selected as members.

Ms. Lisa Squadron and Dr. Jen Lamia gave the Cum Laude addresses. Mr. Thomas Andriello was elected to faculty membership in the society. CONGRATULATIONS!

The following seniors were inducted:

Lauren Amico
Jordyn Bernard
Zachary Binder
Luke Briody
Olivia Canter
John D'Avanzo
Talia Dinstein
Mia Dittrich
Kristin Eickelbeck
Calvin Fontaine
Paul Lestz
Elizabeth Manowitz
Noam Molloy
Kathryn Petlyuk
Tessa Schwartz
Ariel Sheinberg
Drew Siskin
Chloe Weissman
Alison Zeng

To view the full ceremony:



BYRAM CELEBRATES STATE CHAMPIONS

On Saturday, October 17th, the Byram Hills 2007 soccer and 2015 baseball state championship teams were honored at a sign unveiling near downtown Armonk. Alumni, community members, the Board of Education, and members of the North Castle Town Board attended. "Our children going to school right now need role models to know what success and achievement look like," said Dr. Jen Lamia, Byram Hills Superintendent. "Every day that they drive into this town, they can see what you have done and aspire to achieve. When you come home, you can see that your town and your school district stand behind you and take intense pride in you."

Michael Schiliro, North Castle Town Supervisor, was pleased to see the students get the recognition they deserve. "This sign will be here forever to show your families that you were state champs," said Mr. Schiliro. "We can't wait to add more teams to the sign."

Ira Schulman, Byram Hills Board of Education President, addressed the crowd and said, "The most important message I'd like to convey is that we are not training athletes to be students but student-athletes. At Byram Hills, academics will always come first."

Rob Castagna, Byram Hills Athletic Director, thanked the parents for their trust and support and congratulated the athletes and coaches. "It is such an honor to work with Coach Allen and Coach Saunders," Mr. Castagna said. "What they bring to the athletic program is off the charts and hard to measure."

Before unveiling the sign, both coaches spoke. "The 2007 soccer team played 24 games and gave up nine goals," said Byram Hills Soccer Coach Matt Allen. "A great



team's mark is that since the state championship, no Byram Hills soccer team has lost more than three games." Mr. Allen paid special thanks to Michael Gulino, retired Byram Hills Athletic Director, and mentioned his joy in sharing the honor with friend, Coach Saunders.

"Matt, you paved the way for future teams to win the state championships and showed Byram Hills that it was not a fantasy; it was a reality," Scott Saunders, Byram Hills Baseball Coach said. "For my 2015 team, seeing the men you have become has been one of the coolest experiences of my career."

The two coaches tore down the paper to cheers from the crowd, revealing the sign, a joint donation from the Byram Hills School District, and the Town of North Castle. The ceremony exhibited Bobcat pride at its finest.

ELECTION DAY IS REMOTE LEARNING DAY FOR STUDENTS

Tuesday, November 3rd is Election Day. BHHS has been designated as a polling location this year and will be taking place in the Upper Gym between 6 AM and 9 PM. Faculty and staff will report to work but all students will be learning remotely that day. Athletics will continue on a regular schedule with tighter restrictions. GO VOTE!

HOLIDAY QUARANTINE MESSAGE

The District is addressing learning for individual students who may need to quarantine now or over the next few weeks or months, whether post-travel to locations identified as restricted per the [NYS COVID-19 Travel Advisory](#), due to siblings returning from college, or for other COVID-19 related personal reasons. Our schools will remain open every day. Individual students who are not coming to school in grades 6-12 for quarantine purposes will join the remote learners. This plan supports the learning dispositions for each grade level and will help with the continuum of instruction for your child. If your child will be learning asynchronously or remotely, please send an email to our Attendance Secretary, Tammy Lovecchio at: bhhsattendance@byramhills.net to indicate that they will be learning remotely.

Please note that if your family has college siblings returning home and are not following the mandated quarantine protocols in the home (if applicable), then the remote learning option is available for your Byram Hills student. Our priority is to keep all of our students as safe as possible during the holidays. If you have any questions about your specific situation, please contact your student's Assistant Principal.

Here are some answers to some frequently asked questions about this topic:

Q: If my college student attends school on the [NY travel advisory](#) list of restricted states and comes home for the holidays, can he/she take a COVID test to override the 14-day quarantine period?

A: No, a negative COVID-19 test does not override the mandated 14-day quarantine period.

Q: If my family travels to a state on the NY travel advisory list of restricted states and returns home to NY, can my BH student take a COVID-19 test and return to school in lieu of quarantining for 14 days following our return?

A: No, a negative COVID-19 test does not override the mandated 14-day quarantine period

Q: My college student attends school on the [NY travel advisory list](#) of restricted states and is coming home for the holidays. Can my BH student take a COVID test and provide a negative test result instead of quarantining for 14-days so that he/she can return to school after the holiday break?

A: The BH student does not need to take a test nor quarantine to return to school unless he/she has traveled outside of NY, has been a contact to a **positive case** identified by the Department of Health or is **symptomatic**. The remote option for BH students following holiday breaks has been offered to families should a college sibling be unable to quarantine per the mandated protocols at home or if you have traveled to an area that has been identified as restricted. We are hopeful that this option would enable our schools to remain safe.

Parents should read the [DOH guidance](#) and mandates regarding who needs to quarantine. We are offering the remote (6-12) options so families can have decision making power based on their individual needs.

Thank you for your continued efforts as a school community to provide our students with a safe educational learning environment.

PSAT RESULTS INFORMATION

Juniors took the PSAT on Wednesday, October 14th. The College Board will mail the scores to BHHS at the beginning of December. Once the scores arrive, the staff will mail them to parents. Our school counselors will discuss the PSAT scores with juniors in individual college planning meetings (November through March) and in family college planning meetings (December through June).

Important School Counseling Dates to Remember

November 4 - College Admissions & Financial Aid Workshop
7:00pm

COMING TO THE BHHS STAGE

On Wednesday, November 25th, the Varley Players and the BH Media Center will be presenting a Night of Broadway performed by members of the High School Theatre Company, the Varley Players. The show itself has largely been selected by the performers. These dedicated students have logged hours of extra time, rehearsing remotely and under strict guidelines at the school in this craziest of seasons to bring you songs of reflection and hope from well known to barely seen shows. We hope you will join them on their musical journey, showcased by the BH Media Center.

SOFT SKILL FOR NOVEMBER

Integrity: The quality of being honest and adhering to a moral compass.

SPEECH & DEBATE TEAM UPDATE

Over Columbus Day weekend the Byram Hills Speech and Debate Team hosted over 20 schools and 200 students in a virtual Speech and Debate Tournament! Eleanor Wangenstein finished in 8th place in Varsity Lincoln Douglas, while Aidan Aldea-Lustig finished 3rd in Declamation Speech.

The team continues to hold virtual practices on Tuesdays and Thursdays after school and will be competing in tournaments throughout the fall. If you want to join, contact Mr. Andriello, tandriello@byramhills.org, or stop by room 205!

COMMUNITY PHOTO UPLOAD/YEARBOOKS

Send us your photos! The yearbook wants photos of students learning at home, playing sports, and working or volunteering in the community. We want to see your first day of school photos, students in their Bobcat gear, those games back on the field, and anything else related to this historic school year. Use the QR code below, or click on [THIS LINK](#) to use Community Upload on our yearbook publisher's website.



ENTER ACCESS CODE: bobcats

Snap it • Share it • See it

The password is bobcats (all lowercase). The portal gives you the opportunity to identify who's in the photo and the event. To make it really easy, download the Yearbook Snap app for your phone!

Pre-order a 2021 Yearbook

Yearbooks are available for pre-order at a discount price of \$85. Order now at yearbookforever.com.

2020 Yearbooks

We still have some 2020 yearbooks available. The cost is \$105. To reserve a copy of this historic book, email Ms. Menasche at amenasche@byramhills.org.

Underclass Photos

This year, school photography packages and school ID cards for grades 9-11 are being mailed home. If you haven't received them yet, expect them to arrive soon!

DISTRICT SUSTAINABILITY CONTEST

Don't throw away all of those Halloween candy wrappers, Terracycle them!

The districtwide Sustainability Committee is launching a November Terracycle Contest across all four schools in which parents and students can participate FROM HOME! In-school cohorts are encouraged to save snack and lunch wrappers to add to their at-home collection; and yes, Halloween candy wrappers count!

For more information on Terracycle programs (yes, plural!) please visit terracycle.com/en-us.

Please see the attached flyer for more information on acceptable items, contest items vs. non-contest items, drop-off locations and times. Be sure to label your items with your school name!

SPENT BATTERY & LIGHT BULB COLLECTION DRIVE

Byram Hills Sustainability Initiative is hosting a week-long spent battery and light bulb collection drive November 2nd - November 6th. Batteries and light bulbs should never be disposed of in the trash as they can leach harmful chemicals and heavy metals into the ground and water supply. Instead, batteries and light bulbs should be recycled. Please send in your spent household batteries and light bulbs with your child on his/her cohort day to be properly disposed of during the week of November 2nd. We are accepting all types of batteries and light bulbs (EXCEPT for car batteries). Collection receptacles will be located in the vestibule at the front entrance. If you need assistance, please contact Courtney Bogren at cbogren@byramhills.org.

Cohort A (A-K) can drop off Monday (11/2), Tuesday (11/3), or Wednesday (11/4)

Cohort B (L-Z) can drop off Thursday (11/5) or Friday (11/6)

LIBRARY NEWS @ BHHS

Listening to books is easy but there are several options to choose from:

- 1) Use the [SORA app](#).
- 2) Search the [Bobcatalog](#) (Destiny Discover).
- 3) Check out one of our [Playaways](#); portable devices that have one audiobook.
- 4) Borrow a CD player to listen to a book on CD-ROM.

QUALITY CONTENT



UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday November 3rd

- Election Day/Remote Learning for Students
- Board of Education Meeting 6 pm

Wednesday November 4th

- School Counseling Discussion Group 9 am
- College Admissions & Financial Aid Workshop 7 pm

Thursday November 5th

- Registration Deadline for 12/5 SAT

Friday November 6th

- Registration Deadline for 12/12 ACT
- End of 1st quarter
- Senior Yearbook Portraits 2 - 8 pm

Saturday November 7th

- SAT & Subject Tests
- Senior Yearbook Portraits 2 - 8 pm

Wednesday November 11th

- Veteran's Day
- Schools & Offices Closed
- Regular Athletic Schedule

Friday November 13th

- Regular Decision College Choices due in School Counseling



**CLICK HERE
FOR ATHLETIC
UPDATES**

November 2020 - Focus

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Daylight Saving Time Ends	2 - White	3 - Blue Remote Learning (All Students) PTSA Exec Mtg. @ DO 9:30 am Board of Ed. Mtg. 7:30 pm Election Day	4 - Hills School Counseling Discussion Group 9 am (virtual) College Admissions & Financial Aid Workshop 7 pm (virtual)	5 - Red Registration Deadline for 12/5 SAT	6 - Black End of 1st quarter Senior Yearbook Portraits 2 - 8 pm	7 Senior Yearbook Portraits 2 - 8 pm SAT Reasoning and Subject Tests
8	9 - Black	10 - Red	11 Regular Athletic Schedule Veterans Day Schools & Offices Closed	12 - Blue	13 - White Regular Decision College Choices Due in School Counseling	14 Diwali
15	16 - Black	17 - Red Principal's Coffee 9 am (virtual) PTSA Exec Mtg. @ DO 9:30 am Board of Ed. Retreat	18 - Hills BHEF Board of Directors Mtg. @ DO 7 pm	19 - Blue Senior Internship Parent Mtg. 7 pm (virtual)	20 - White Underclassmen Photo Retakes Registration Deadline for 12/12 ACT The Varley Players: <i>Cyrano De Bergerac</i> 7 pm (virtual)	21 The Varley Players: <i>Cyrano De Bergerac</i> 2 & 7 pm (virtual)
22	23 - White Underclassmen Photo Retakes	24 - Blue Junior Parent Mtg. 7 pm (virtual)	25 - Hills One-Hour Early Dismissal for CH-WA-HCC-BHHS	26 No Athletic Games or Practices Thanksgiving Day Schools & Offices Closed	27 No Athletic Games or Practices Thanksgiving Recess Schools & Offices Closed	28 Regular Athletic Schedule
29	30 - White Winter High School Sports Begin					

Terracycle At-Home Launch

Sustainability is asking families to collect their waste (including school lunch/snack wrappers) to win for their school and planet!

- 1 school will win for most collected **snack wrappers** and **writing instruments** in November! >>>
- Collect all listed items for our planet!
- Multiple drop-off locations
 - DeCicco's parking lot **11/13 11am-1pm**
 - 1 Cross Rd., Bedford (anytime)
 - 16 Ilana Court, Armonk (anytime)
 - 84 Cedar Hill Rd, Bedford (anytime)
 - **Please mark with school name to win**

Other non-contest items to collect:

- **Skin care packaging:** lip balm tubes and caps, soap dispensers and tubes, body wash caps, lotion dispensers and caps.
- **Hair care packaging:** shampoo caps, conditioner caps, hair gel tubes, and caps, hair spray triggers, and hair paste caps.
- **Cosmetic packaging:** lipstick cases, lip gloss tubes, mascara tubes, eye shadow cases, bronzer cases, foundation packaging, powder cases, eyeliner cases, eyeliner pencils, eye shadow tubes, concealer tubes, concealer sticks, and lip liner pencils.

ALL Brands Mouthwash bottles and caps, toothbrushes, deodorant containers and caps, soap packaging, floss containers, and toothpaste tubes and caps.



All brands of **empty** writing instruments, glue sticks, watercolor dispensers, paint sets, and flexible packaging (FOR SCHOOL CONTEST)



ALL BRANDS Family-size snack bags, individual snack bags, snack bar, multipack snack bag, cookie wrappers, and **candy!!!** (FOR SCHOOL CONTEST)



Other non-contest items to

All brands of air freshener cartridges, plugs, trigger heads, and plastic and film packaging



ALL Brands Healthy snack plastic pouches and caps.



All brands of blades and razors (systems and disposable units, and replaceable-blade cartridge units).





COMING TO BTV MEDIA

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25TH

Watch the website for the launch link and time
www.byramhills.org/a-night-of-broadway

A NIGHT OF
BROADWAY

AN EVENING OF
MUSICAL THEATRE
SONGS FEATURING

STAGE DIRECTION BY
JOHN ANTHONY LOPEZ
AND JAMES GULICK
MUSIC DIRECTION BY
KATE SMITH LIGHTING
DESIGN BY
JOHN FLANAGAN
SCENIC DESIGN BY
DANIELLE BROOKS

PRODUCTION ASSISTANCE BY
SUSAN PIERATTI
VIDEO PRODUCER
BRIAN MELSO

Nathaniel	Bergman
Samara	Brown
Marleigh	Canter
Wyatt	Charon
Rebecca	DiPietro
Trevor	Fermann
Kyriaki	Gavrill
Matthew	Giovanetti
Emma	Goldenberg
Halley	Harris
Morgan	Hecht
Rex	Lengyel
Aaron	Lestz
Kayla	Lichtenstein
Valentina	Marino
Eleana	Morse
Christine	Parisi
Isabella	Rivalsi
Melissa	Rivera
Isabella	Scaffidi

THE SPOT FOR BH ATHLETIC LIVESTREAMS

 /BYRAMHILLSBOBCATZONE

