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BHHS STUDENTS WIN REGIONAL SCHOLASTIC ART & WRITING AWARDS

Eight Byram Hills High School students were honored for their creativity by winning regional Scholastic Art & Writing Awards, with two advancing to the national competition. Five students were honored for art and three were recognized for writing.

Region-at-Large East Art Awards

The awards recognized outstanding merit in originality, skill and personal voice and vision. A panel of creative professionals reviewed the entries. Junior **Bella Lamberti**, Gold Key, painting, for "Fractured Self Portrait".

Sophomore **Angelina Nie**, Gold Key, drawing and illustration, for "Awaiting" and Silver Key, drawing and illustration, for "Hidden Beauty". Junior **Alexa Shuster**, Honorable Mention, painting, for "Mother" and Honorable Mention, drawing and illustration, for "Lord of the Flies". Senior **Ruby Smalheiser**, Silver Key, photography, for "The Roads Ahead". Senior **Alexander Woodworth**, Honorable Mention, photography, for "At the Carnival" and "Standalone"

Hudson-to-Housatonic Region Writing Awards

The winning entries were selected by a panel of novelists, editors, teachers, poets, librarians, and journalists from 2,708 works submitted. Senior **Carissa Chung**, Silver Key, personal essay and memoir, for "Disappearing Act". Freshman **Justin Isban**, Honorable Mention, poetry, for "Whispers of Victory". Junior **Inaara Lalani**, Silver Key, personal essay and memoir, for "Overcoming the Storm". Gold Key works in art and writing were automatically advanced to the national level of judging.

Since 1923, the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards, presented by The Alliance for Young Artists & Writers, have recognized achievement in the visual and literary arts and are a source of scholarships for creative teenagers.

SCIENCE RESEARCH STUDENTS COMPETE AND WIN AT WESEF

Congratulations to our BHHS Science Research students who competed at the Westchester Science and Engineering Fair last Saturday, where 27 seniors and three juniors competed among over 700 students. **Zachary Pero** claimed the grand prize, securing a spot among the top 20 overall scoring projects and the opportunity to compete at the Regeneron International Science and Engineering Fair in Los Angeles, CA, in May.



Additionally, 22 students received awards, with first place going to **Grace Lin** and **Kyriaki Gavriil**, second place to **Ayaka Ammon**, **Ben Curley**, **Jack Canter**, **Jake Fenster**, **Ben Levy**, and **Adrianna Zawojek**, third place to **Abigail Cushman** and **Jake Santos**, and fourth place to **John Cavada**, **Joseph Palackal**, and **Zachary Goldman**. Special Awards were also presented to **Lily Anchin & Jon Manowitz**, **Grace Lin**, **Nicolette DiSano**, **Connor Boekel**, **John Cavada**, **Adrianna Zawojek**, **Lauren Lombardi & Romy Schweitzer**, and **Daniel Ndocaj**. Congratulations to our Science Research students for their hard work, dedication, and remarkable achievements.

MOCK TRIAL TEAM TRIUMPHS AT COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

On March 19th, the BHHS Mock Trial team secured the County Championship at the Federal Courthouse in White Plains! They triumphed in the Finals after a closely contested match. Jake Fenster, Adrianna Zawojek, and Aaron Stein served as the attorneys, while Ashley Stangel, Andrew Levy, and Jessie Freiberg starred as the witnesses.



SPEECH AND DEBATE TEAM UPDATES

On Saturday, March 17th, the Byram Hills Speech and Debate team participated in their League's Grand Championship Tournament. The team achieved a commendable 5th place overall, with several students securing qualifications for the National Catholic Forensic League Championships in May. Notable qualifiers include:

Emi Nagura (6th) and **Vedanshi Ravi** (3rd) in Declamation Speech

Valentina Marino (4th) in Dramatic Performance

Aidan Aldea Lustig, winner of Original Oratory

Allegra Jooss, also a winner

The Public Forum Team of **Cyrus Aly** and **Chloe Kohl** secured an alternate spot as well.

APARTMENT 317 IS OPEN!

The LCC at BHHS hosted a ribbon-cutting ceremony to officially open 'Apartment 317,' a dedicated room for vocational training, daily living activities, and recreation. This versatile space, made possible by a generous BHEF grant, offers students a comprehensive platform to enhance their soft skills, job training, and daily living tasks including laundry, financial literacy, cooking, and cleaning. Additionally, students will engage in recreational activities such as mentor games, crafts with our Big Brother/Sister program, Lunch Bunch, and general social gatherings. It's an exciting addition to our school community!



AP ART SHOW SUCCESS

Congratulations to the AP Art students who showcased their work at the AP Art Show during the first week of April! The show was filled with stunning paintings, photographs, sculptures, prints, graphic designs, and fashion designs skillfully crafted by our talented students enrolled in AP Studio Art, AP Photo, AP Graphic Design, and AP 3D Design courses.



GREAT AMERICAN SOLAR ECLIPSE AT BHHS

On April 8th, the Byram Hills Community gathered at BHHS to witness the Great American Solar Eclipse of 2024. Thanks to generous donations from the BHEF and the Science Department, students, faculty, staff, parents, and community members were able to view the event with newly purchased eclipse glasses. The BHHS Astronomy Club organized the event on the school grounds. The BHHS Science Ambassadors traveled to Coman Hill to give mini lessons to elementary students about the eclipse. Thank you to the members of the Science Department for orchestrating this memorable event!



SPRING SPIRIT WEEK

As we head into the final three months of the school year, the Grade Activities Board is excited to announce the upcoming Spring Spirit Week, scheduled from April 15th to April 19th. Let's establish a sense of community and unity as we celebrate the spirit of our school during this lively and memorable week. Please see the [attached flyer](#) for more details.

APRIL SOFT SKILL

Self Confidence - A feeling of trust in a student's own abilities, qualities, and judgment. Studies have shown that students who have a higher degree of self confidence, have higher scholastic achievement than those with low self-confidence. Parents can help improve a student's self-confidence by encouraging their children to step out of their comfort zone and embrace mistakes. Another easy way to build self-confidence is to help students focus on the process and not on the outcomes.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, April 15th

- Tri-M Honor Society Induction 7 pm

Tuesday, April 16th

- Board of Ed. Mtg. & Budget Hearing IV, 7:30 pm

Wednesday, April 17th

- National Art Honor Society Induction 7 pm

Thursday, April 18th

- Spring Concert: Band/Orchestra/Choir 7 pm

Friday, April 19th

- Registration Deadline for 5/4 SAT

Monday, April 22nd

- No Athletic Games or Practices After 5 pm
- Holiday Recess Schools Closed/Offices Open
- Passover Begins at Sundown
- Earth Day

Tuesday, April 23rd

- No Athletic Games or Practices Holiday Recess
- Schools Closed/Offices Open

Thursday, April 25th

- PTSA Exec. Mtg. @ DO 9:30 am
- Mu Alpha Theta Induction Ceremony 7 pm
- C.H.I.L.D. Event 7 pm

Tuesday, April 30th

- Principal's Coffee 9 am
- Board of Ed. Mtg. & Adoption of Budget 7:30 pm
- Last Day of Passover

**CLICK HERE
FOR UPCOMING
ATHLETIC EVENTS**

APRIL 2024

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
	1 Schools Reopen	2 - 2 Board of Ed. Mtg. & Budget Hearing III, 7:30 pm	3 - 3 AP Art Show @ BHHS 8 am - 2:30 pm & Community Reception @ BHHS 7-8:30 pm	4 - 4 AP Art Show @ BHHS 8 am - 2:30 pm	5 - 5	6
7	8 - 6 Solar Eclipse 2:45-4:00 pm	9 - 7 PTSA Exec. Mtg. @ DO 9:30 am Last Day of Ramadan	10 - 8 Eid al-Fitr	11 - 1 BHEF Board of Directors Mtg. @ DO 7 pm	12 - 2 End 3rd Marking Period (Gr. 9-11) Byram Blues Jazz Coffeehouse [BHHS & HCC] @ BHHS 7 pm	13 ACT
14	15 - 3 Tri-M Honor Society Induction 7 pm	16 - 4 Board of Ed. Mtg. & Budget Hearing IV, 7:30 pm	17 - 5 National Art Honor Society Induction 7 pm	18 - 6 Spring Concert: Band/Orchestra/Choir 7 pm	19 - 7 Registration Deadline for 5/4 SAT	20
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28	29 - 3	30 - 4 Principal's Coffee 9 am Board of Ed. Mtg. & Adoption of Budget 7:30 pm Last Day of Passover				

The North Castle Historical Society

*Invites you and your family to
Whippoorwill Hall, Armonk
April 14, 2024 at 3:00pm*

His Excellency General George Washington Returns to North Castle

*A rare opportunity for you to experience “A Conversation
with His Excellency General George Washington”*

Please Bring Your Children



Living Historian Michael Grillo atop Washington's Rock in today's Mt. Kisco – but North Castle when we fought the American Revolution.

Mr. Grillo has performed as General and President George Washington for the past twenty-five years including at Historic Smith's Tavern in Armonk, the Miller House in North White Plains, Purdy House in White Plains, New York Historical Society, Friends of Historical New Utrecht Church, National Constitution Center, Fraunces Tavern Museum, Federal Hall National Historic Site and Hamilton Grange, the television news program Fox and Friends and CBS's The Great Race. Since 1998, he has especially chosen to portray Continental Commander General George Washington.

**The North Castle Historical Society – 440 Bedford Road, Armonk
Chartered by the Regents of the University of the State of New York
Co-Historian for the Town of North Castle**

SPRING SPIRIT WEEK

