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CONGRATULATIONS TO ALEX BEHAR

Congratulations to Alex Behar for his 100th career win this past Wednesday! Alex's career record is now 100-36 and he qualified for the state tournament last year. Alex's record is even more impressive since he only started wrestling six years ago. He is a two year Varsity Captain, won 4th place in Eastern States and was a Westchester County Champ for the 2019-20 season in his weight class.



CONGRATULATIONS TO NORA LOWE

Nora Lowe, Byram Hills High School sophomore, has been selected as a national semifinalist for the Mars 2020 "Name the Rover" contest. NASA's Mars 2020 rover is one step closer to having its own name. Nora's entry was selected as New York's winner in the high school category. Her suggested name, "Ambition Tardigrada."



CONGRATULATIONS TO DAVID WHITE

Congratulations to BHHS senior David White who recently earned the rank of Eagle Scout. David completed an extensive Eagle Scout Service Project for his local church. David procured donations and supplies from local businesses and enlisted numerous volunteers to help create a Memorial Garden. Congratulations to David.

START 2020 STUDENT RECOGNITION



StArt 2020: 14th Annual Regional High Schools Student Art Exhibition at the OSilas Gallery of Concordia College in Bronxville. Senior David Schwimmer received an Award of Excellence for his painting entitled *Just Another Day* and senior Veronica Zawojek received an Award of Excellence for her work entitled *Exoskeleton Wings*. Senior A.J. Plousadis had his work entitled *Another Day at the Office* on display at the gallery and was one of three students chosen by Byram Hills art teachers to represent the best of the school. Byram Hills was the only school to have more than one winner.

TENNIS SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

Congratulations to the Girl's Tennis team on their selection as one of the recipients of the 2019-2020 Section One Fall Team Sportsmanship Award. It is certainly well deserved.

The varsity team was selected for this award by the Section One Sportsmanship Committee. Throughout the season, the girls exemplified the ideals of sportsmanship on and off the court with ethical behavior, fair play, and integrity. They proudly finished the regular season undefeated with a record of 13-0, league champions and Section One Finalists!

VARSITY BOYS BASKETBALL SUPPORTS JUNIOR BOBCATS FUNDRAISER

On Monday, January 20th, members of the Varsity Boys Basketball team volunteered at a youth basketball clinic sponsored by the Junior Bobcats. Over \$1000 were raised and the proceeds were donated to the Maria Fareri Children's Hospital. Thank you to the athletes who were able to come together as a team to give back to their community.



GRADE 5 ORCHESTRA COLLABORATION

BHHS Orchestra students hosted the 5th Grade Orchestra last Friday, January 24th. In a new tradition that started last year, Wampus students visited BHHS to collaborate with members of the BHHS Orchestra - on the high school stage. It was a rewarding experience for both groups to play together and gave the 5th graders real insights into what their orchestral future could be like at BHHS.



NEWS FROM THE NURSE

Illness

In order to keep our schools and students healthy, children who have been sick cannot attend school until they are no longer contagious. In order for students to return to school, we require that there be at least 24 hours:

- without fever (in the absence of fever-reducing medications)
- without vomiting or diarrhea
- on appropriate antibiotic therapy for a diagnosed infection (strep throat, ear infection, bronchitis, etc.).

There will be health screenings on 11th graders beginning the week of 2/3/20.

PARENT & TEACHER TRAINING FOR THE BHCS DISTRICT INTERVIEW COMMITTEE

Each year, the Byram Hills Central School District establishes interview teams for the hiring of teachers and administrators. The District has been very successful in hiring and retaining excellent teachers and administrators as a result of teacher and parent committee participation.

Gina Cunningham, Assistant to the Superintendent for Human Resources, will be offering two opportunities for parents and teachers to attend a training session in order to be part of a hiring committee in the future.

If interested, please e-mail [Laura Coughlan](mailto:laura.coughlan@bhcsd.org) with one of the following session dates:

Session 1: Tuesday, January 21, 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM

Session 2: Thursday, February 13th 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM

PLANNING SPRING BREAK?

“Spring Break” has grown into a major industry that now attracts as many high school students as their college counterparts. The potential for abuse of sex, drugs, and alcohol remains a major concern. In addition, the popularity of international resorts as Spring Break locations has occasionally lead to the exploitation of students who are vulnerable as minors and foreigners in unfamiliar cultures.

Before confirming any plans, we suggest that you check into travel.state.gov for more information about travel advisories and the country under consideration. We also suggest that you check references for any charter companies that you are depending on for flights and accommodations. Canceled flights, switched hotels, and even exploitation by local police have occurred to Byram Hills students in the past. This information is provided for your edification. The school district does not support or endorse “Spring Break” vacations or any companies that provide such services. Additionally, student athletes should fully understand the consequences of missing games or practices over the break prior to making Spring Break plans.

SENIOR INTERNSHIP

The Senior Internship process is underway. Seniors should continue to meet with their faculty advisors throughout the process. Seniors are expected to finalize their internship sites by March 20th. Students should reach out to Mrs. Sautner, Mrs. Croke, or Mrs. Triolo if they have any questions about the process. If parents have any questions about an internship site, please contact Mrs. Sautner or Mrs. Croke. Seniors should continue to check the Google Classroom for new notifications.

OPERATION PROM

On Tuesday, March 3rd, the senior and sophomore grade activities boards are sponsoring an event right after school in the cafeteria. Students will be able to donate used prom dresses and tuxedos to help less fortunate high school students in our area.

Operation Prom is the local charity that sponsors this program. How to determine if your prom dress is appropriate to donate:

- prom, bridesmaid, or formal gowns (short/long)
- trendy and fancy (appealing to high school students)
- free of damages and stains
- no long sleeves or velvet
- sizes 0-26+

You can also donate tuxedos, evening bags, jewelry, and shawls. Shoes, suits, or other clothing will not be accepted.

Please join us for this event. Have fun and contribute to a memorable prom for needy students. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. David Hubbs.

DISTRICT CHORAL FESTIVAL

On Monday, February 10th, over 200 Byram Hills choral students from grades 5-12 will come together for a day of workshops, masterclasses, and rehearsals. They will prepare a concert that will be livestreamed from the BHHS theater. The concert will culminate with a combined group performance of *Stand Together* on the mainstage. Tune in for this one-time special event!

TECHNOLOGY SURVEY

Every year, the district participates in a survey in order to better understand our technology needs. Administrators, teachers, staff, and students have all participated in this survey. It is important that we hear from all of our stakeholders and we would like to get the input from our parents as well. Please take a few minutes to fill out [THIS SURVEY](#) so that we can make better decisions regarding the types of technology we implement in the future. Thank you!

FEBRUARY SOFT SKILL: EMPATHY

The action of understanding, being aware of, being sensitive to, and vicariously experiencing the feelings, thoughts, and experience of another of either the past or present without having the feelings, thoughts, and experience fully communicated in an objectively explicit manner. For an interesting perspective on empathy, please read [THIS ARTICLE](#).

VOTER REGISTRATION

New York State now allows students who are 16 years old to pre-register to vote. All students who are 16 years old will be pre-registered in their Social Studies classes. Seniors who will be eligible to vote in the upcoming election must be 18 years old on or before November 3, 2020, and an American citizen. Students will be given information on how to apply for an absentee ballot as well.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday February 1st

- Science Olympiad

Monday February 3rd

- Begin 2nd Semester

Tuesday February 4th

- Board of Education Meeting
7:30pm

Friday February 7th

- Last Day for Schedule Changes

Saturday February 8th

- ACT Test (Not available in NYS)

Monday February 10th

- District Choral Festival
8:30am-2:30pm
- BHEF presents "Screenagers - Next Chapter" 7:30pm @ HCC

Friday February 14th

- Registration Deadline for 3/14 SAT (No Subject Tests)

Monday 2/17 - Friday 2/21

- Winter Recess
Regular Athletic Season

For Athletics updates
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QUALITY CONTENT



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February 2020 - Focus

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 Science Olympiad
2	3-7	4-8 PTSA Exec Mtg. @ DO 9:30 am Board of Ed. Mtg. 7:30 pm	5-A	6-1 BHEF Board of Directors Mtg. @ DO 7:30 pm	7-2 Last Day for Schedule Changes	8 ACT Test (Not Available in NYS)
9	10-3 BHEF Movie - @ HCC Screenagers 7:30 pm	11-4	12-5	13-6	14-7 Registration Deadline for 3/14 SAT (No Subject Tests)	15
16	17 Regular Athletic Schedule Presidents Day Winter Recess Schools & Offices Closed	18 Regular Athletic Schedule Winter Recess Schools Closed/Offices Open	19 Regular Athletic Schedule Winter Recess Schools Closed/Offices Open	20 Regular Athletic Schedule Winter Recess Schools Closed/Offices Open	21 Regular Athletic Schedule Winter Recess Schools Closed/Offices Open	22
23	24-8 Schools Reopen	25-A PTSA Exec Mtg. @ DO 9:30 am Spring Sports Preseason Mtg. (Gr. 7-12) @ BHHS 7 pm	26-1	27-2 Site-Based Team Mtg. @ BHHS 4-6 pm	28-3 Registration Deadline for 4/4 ACT	29



BobcatTV.org/livestream

**WATCH
LIVE**

TUESDAY 2/4

BOYS VARSITY BASKETBALL v HARRISON @ 6:15 PM

THURSDAY 2/6

BOYS GIRLS BASKETBALL v PELHAM @ 6:15 PM

BHHS Counseling Center

Phone (914) 273-9200 - Ext. 4930

February 2020

GUIDANCE LIAISON

Kristina Wilson

COUNSELORS

Erin Browne, Keara Hunt, Gary McCarthy, Greg Quirolo

SECRETARIES

Stacey Ferrante and Margherita Nordstrom

<p style="text-align: center;">SENIORS</p> <p>Mid-year grades for current seniors will be sent to colleges if students and parents request it. Seniors should see their counselor for the midyear grade report card request form to send the grades. Grades will not be sent to schools that denied admission to a student. Seniors should continue to work hard as acceptances are based on the successful completion of the senior year.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">JUNIORS</p> <p>The Junior Parent's Night was held on November 6, 2019. The counselors provided detailed information regarding the college selection process. Parents also had an opportunity to meet with their child's counselor for small group question and answer discussions. All junior parents are reminded to set up their family conference with their school counselor if they have not done so already.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">SOPHOMORES</p> <p>We will be meeting with 10th grade classes in the spring to provide a program called "Sophomore Success." The counselors will visit individual classes to present an interactive activity where students will explore some of their strengths and how they could relate to possible college and career choices. Importantly, sophomores will start to create resumés for the college search process and part-time employment.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">FRESHMEN</p> <p>All ninth grade students completed the Naviance program, Do What You Are, during mentor class. This Personality Type Assessment reveals information about a student's strengths and blind spots, recommended career paths and college majors, as well as tips for conducting the most effective career search. Students have been given their Naviance login information, and Do What You Are results are listed under the tab "About Me." Students or parents who have questions about this assessment should reach out to their school counselor.</p>

COURSE SELECTION

Beginning in late February, students will meet with their counselor to discuss their course selections for next year. Parents will be able to see the student courses in late April in the eSchool Data parent portal, and will have adequate time for review and input before the schedules are finalized.

PAWS & RELAX

On Friday, January 24th therapy dogs from Therapy Dogs of Rockland visited high school students during lunch hours. In conjunction with the initiatives of Challenge Success, therapy dogs Bailey, Jessi and Chuck offered students an opportunity to “Paws & Relax” during the school day. Long established and reliable research shows that animals, especially dogs, have significant effects on human’s comfort and well-being. Therapy dogs will be available to students in Bobcat Hall the fourth Friday of every month.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER IN FEBRUARY

February 7	Last Day for Schedule Changes Registration Deadline for 3/9 SAT Test
February 17-21	Winter Recess-Schools Closed
February 24	Schools Reopen

SAVE THE DATE

May 6	College Night for Special Needs Students sponsored by C.H.I.L.D.
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SPORTS SCIENCE
Film

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HEALTH Social Media
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ARTS & RECREATION
COMPUTER SCIENCE HOBBIES
PSYCHOLOGY



PROUDLY
PRESENT:

MUSIC AND LYRICS BY: FRANK LOESSER
BOOK BY: JO SWERLING AND ABE BURROWS

THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 7PM
FRIDAY, MARCH 6, 7PM
SATURDAY, MARCH 7,
2PM AND 7PM

GUYS AND DOLLS

Two red dice with white pips are shown in a 3D perspective, one slightly behind and to the right of the other. They are positioned to the right of the main title.

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coming soon:

FASHION BY BHHS

Going Out in Style...
A Fashion Show starring the class of 2020

Wednesday, March 11, 2020

7:30 p.m.

BHHS Theater

A Grade Activities Board Event
To honor the Senior Class of 2020

Any parents interested in helping organize this event -
please contact Jennie Croke
jcroke@byramhills.net

