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CONDUCTOR'S CORNER

Dear Parents and Students:

Brrrrrrrr....December and January have certainly been cold days but rest assured it is very warm in Brunswick High School. We have been very busy taking HSAs, performing a drama production, a band production and many sports events. Our students manage to juggle both curricular and extra-curricular events with ease.

Our B.E.L.L tutorial program is very active on Tuesdays and Wednesdays and all students are welcome to take advantage of the extra time to work on assignments, to tutor or be tutored on any subject or, to work with any of the very skilled teachers who are available during each session.

Currently we are beginning the Registration process which will determine what courses will be offered at BHS next school year. Make certain your child works closely with you and the Guidance office to make good choices for their schedule for next school year. Remember that we also offer classes for Seniors through FCC that are taught right here on our own campus. We are happy to report that our on-line courses are another alternative to the traditional schedule.

Our Student Government Association and our National Honor Society have been very active this year performing some worthwhile activities for the Brunswick Community. These are great organizations with great students and advisors who have an interest in the improvement of BHS. The SGA is planning a Spring Carnival which will be a fun time for BHS families and friends. Both organizations are in the on-going process of collecting items for the under privileged.

We have the greatest kids and staff in Frederick County. Let's keep up the good work and remember, EXCELLENCE IN ALL WE DO AT BHS!

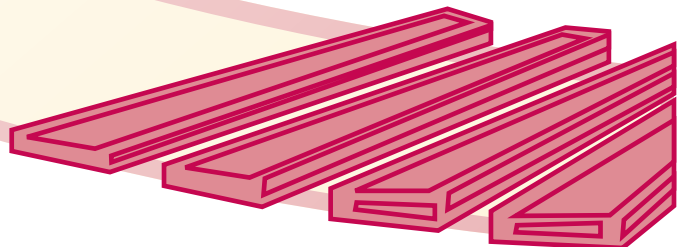
Very Sincerely,
Kristi Mitchell, Principal BHS

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BELL PROGRAM

Brunswick Express Learning Lab From 2:30-4:00

After-school tutoring program with special bus transportation & a free snack
Homework, Test/Quiz Make-up,
HSA Review and Bridge Projects
Tues. - English & other subjects
Wed. - Math & other subjects
February 2,3,9,10,16,17
March 9,10,16,17,23,24
April 13,14,20,21,27,28

LITERACY LINES

Deb Carroll-Literacy Specialist

If you are looking for something to read during this cold weather there is something for everyone on the Big List of Lists from The Chicken Spaghetti blog by Susan Thomsen. There are links to dozens of 2009 top picks from magazines, professional organizations, newsletters, and newspapers:

- Chicken Spaghetti - http://chickenspaghetti.typepad.com/chicken_spaghetti/
- Best Children's Books of 2009: The Big List of Lists
- Amazon Editors' Picks: Top 100 Books List of mostly adult books does include some YA and middle-grade novels.
- Awful Library Books: Best Awful Library Books of 2009. This list features older books but is too funny not to include here.
- Best Hockey Books for Kids, at Joe Pelletier's Greatest Hockey Legends.com
- Bookends: Best nonfiction
- Comic Book Resources: Best comics collections reprints
- Dragons in 2009 children's books, at Charlotte's Library
- Golden Fuse Awards. A humorous look at the year in kids' books.
- Governor General's Literary Awards (Canada). Including several children's categories. Translation winner is also a kids' book.
- Graphic Novel Reporter Best of 2009: A Survey of Comics Readers. Adult-oriented list does contain some books for children.
- Guys Lit Wire. Best graphic novels.
- Library Journal's Best YA for Adults
- NAACP Image Awards for Outstanding Literary Work. Nominees in books for children and for youth/teens (and other categories)
- National Outdoor Book Awards. A children's category is included; some books published in '08.
- New York Times: Notable Children's Books
- Parents Choice Book Awards
- Roald Dahl Funny Prize. One book published in '08 and one in '09. (UK)
- SciFiChik Her list of science fiction and fantasy bests of '09 includes a section on YA/children's books.
- Smithsonian Magazine
- Washington Post
- YALSA Award for Excellence in Nonfiction for Young Adults finalists
- Best Children's Books of 2009: The Big List of Lists. ©Susan Thomsen, 2009. All rights reserved.



SENIORS

As we approach spring, there are events coming quickly that affect the seniors.

On Friday, April 9, there will be an important senior class meeting during first and second periods in the auditorium. At this meeting we will review a packet that contains important dates and information for all seniors as they approach graduation. In the packet are some forms that may need to be returned, so we encourage you to read the entire packet of information carefully, put any important due dates on your calendar, and adhere to these dates. The Guidance Department will also have the seniors fill out important forms that are required before graduation.

Also at this meeting the representative from Jostens will be here to assist in passing out caps, gowns, and other senior items that the students may have ordered. Please note that in order to receive the order that day a student's balance must be paid in full. If you have any questions about whether or not the entire balance is paid please call Jostens (410-561-1403). Furthermore, if any senior plans to participate in graduation exercises and has not yet ordered a cap and gown; these must be ordered right away by calling Jostens.

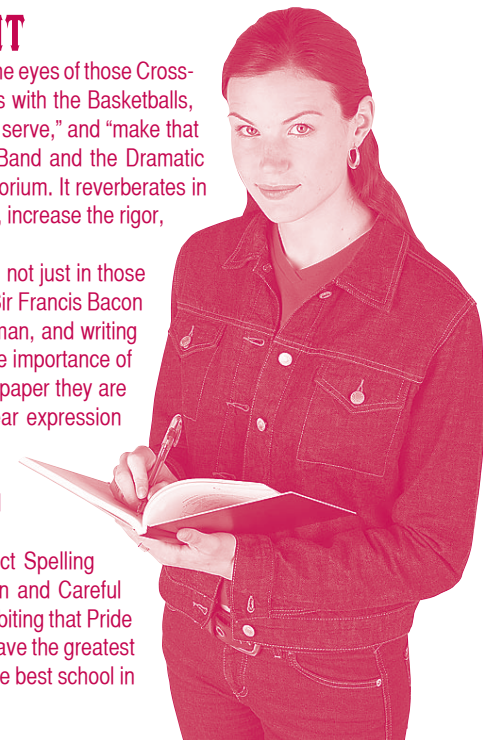
This is an exciting time for seniors as they enter the spring and the upcoming events draw nearer. All parents/guardians are reminded to continue to stress to their senior the importance of working hard in their classes and being sure to pass all necessary classes. Diplomas are not given away – they must be earned!

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

Brunswick High School Pride comes from the gleam in the eyes of those Cross-Country Runners and the Track Team Sprinters. It bounces with the Basketballs, Volleyballs, and Soccer Balls that "clear the hoop," "ace that serve," and "make that goal!" It pours forth from the sonorous notes of Marching Band and the Dramatic Voices echoing off the walls of our professional-quality auditorium. It reverberates in those Classrooms where Educators continually raise the bar, increase the rigor, and challenge the young minds of our community.

A vital part of that BHS Pride is based in Writing Pride, not just in those English classes, but in all classes. The English philosopher Sir Francis Bacon claimed "reading maketh the full man, conference a ready man, and writing an exact man." More and more BHS students understand the importance of Bacon's words. They realize that every time they put pen to paper they are demonstrating their ability to be exact or precise in the clear expression of their ideas, whether those ideas explain the Industrial Revolution in World History or the difference between Sine, Cosine and Tangent in Trigonometry or the Subjunctive Mood in Spanish or Clean Coal Technology in Physical Science.

Academic Writing means Vivid Words Choice, Correct Spelling and Mature Sentence Structure, and Proper Documentation and Careful Research in all classes. More and more BHS writers are exhibiting that Pride in every class. As Mrs. Mitchell said earlier in the year, "We have the greatest kids in Frederick County. By working together BHS can be the best school in the county."



NEWS FROM THE AG DEPARTMENT

Valentine Day Flower Sale: The Horticulture II & III Class will be taking orders for roses until February 10, 2010. Singles, 1/2 dozen and dozen (Red, Pink & Lavender) Call Mr. Harrington @ (240) 236-8600 Ext.68660.

Fish Tanks: The Pre-Vet class is looking for 5, 20-gal. fish tanks. If you have one to donate, please contact Mr. Harrington (240) 236-8600 Ext. 68660.

Welcome: The Ag Department welcomes Kimberly Fogle to BHS. Kim is serving as a student teacher this semester. Kimberly is a student from Delaware Valley College in Pennsylvania.

ATHLETIC BOOSTERS

The BHS Athletic Boosters are still selling merchandise. Stop by at the home sporting events to check us out! We also have BHS Railroader blankets available. Please see Misty Bitler or Taree Foltz for these items.

The Magic Masters are coming! A team of local school administrators and teachers, as well as members of the community, will get together to play the Magic Masters (team similar to the Harlem Globetrotters). Please mark your calendars – Wednesday, March 24, 2010. Advanced tickets will be on sale, as well as available at the door. Merchandise and concessions will be sold. Hope to see you there. What more fun than to watch your teacher, council member, etc. play basketball!

A Spring Dinner is in the works – this is being scheduled for April 2010. More details to follow. We are also going to hold another basket/bag bingo, most likely to be held late Spring/early summer. Our meetings are held the first Monday of every month in the BHS Media Center. We would love to see you there!



BAND BOOSTERS

You'll be in for a treat if you join us for our indoor drumline and colorguard show on February 13 at BHS! Set to themes and with costumes and props, these performances from area high schools are judged, scored and given awards. With food and merchandise available for sale and creative, entertaining performances, this is an event that is fun for the whole family! Our indoor KIDA show will begin at 10am.

Individuals and groups interested in volunteering can get involved by contacting Denise Hill, a Band Booster board member, or Mr. Glidewell. For information on band activities included this event or for contact information, visit our website www.railroaderband.org. Members of the 2009 Railroaders Colorguard. This group performed during the marching band season.

SAFE AND SANE CLASS OF 2010

It's not too late to sign up for the Graduation Party at Adventure Park on May 27!

Go on-line to Safe and Sane news under bhs.edu. Click on the registration form, fill out, and send off to the address at the top of the form or drop off at the BHS office! Sign up now before rates go up soon. We have 68 seniors signed up so far! We look forward to seeing you there!

The next two Safe and Sane meetings are:

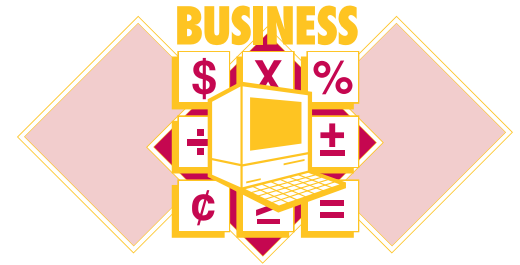
February 3 - 7:00 PM BHS Media Center

March 3 - 7:00 PM BHS Media Center

Anyone is invited to come!

STOCK MARKET GAME SUCCESS

Eight teams of students in the Personal Finance and Career Success class participated in the national Stock Market Game. Six of these teams ranked in the top 30 out of 172 in the Mid Atlantic Region. One team ranked Second in Western Maryland. The members of this team were Matt Fisher, Wyatt Funk, Brendan Harris, and Kristen Mahoney. The next game starts in early February and we will have teams from two classes participating. Each team has \$100,000 to invest over 10 weeks. They must not put all the "eggs in one basket" and do a minimum amount of trading. Stock research and following the economic news is part of the activity.



FINANCES: CREDIT, INVESTING, SAVING, AND BUDGETING

Do you see a need for your students to know about these topics now and after high school? The students in the Career Research and Development 1 (Former Title: Personal Finance and Career Success) class will develop a budget; understand the use of credit; locate affordable housing, transportation and insurance; and have a savings/investment plan. They will explore personality traits, skills, talents, and interests that help them select a career. Traditional as well as non-traditional careers will be evaluated and high school coursework planned.

Keep in mind the following courses when thinking of the next school year:

331010 Introduction to Business

335111 Microsoft Certification I: Word and Excel (exams are not required but encouraged)

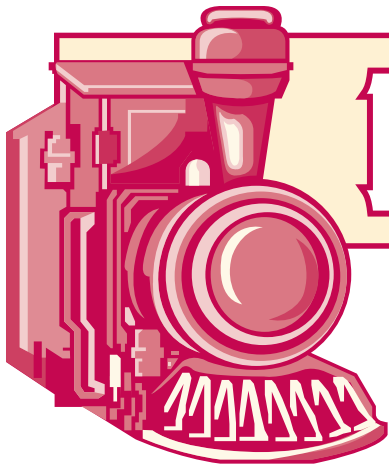
344030 Web Site Development

332040 Accounting I

498000 Career Research & Development 1 (Former Title: Personal Finance and Career Success)

SCHOOL YARD HABITAT (SYH) UPDATE

School Yard Habitat's tree planting is planned for late April. Anyone interested in working with the School Yard Habitat committee please contact Heather Ruby at heather.ruby@fcps.org or 240-236-8580.



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GET THE FACTS!

What's Happening in the Family & Consumer Sciences Department?

Now is the time to get ready for next year's schedule. There are a lot of things happening in the Family & Consumer Sciences Department. As your son or daughter begins to prepare for next year's schedule of classes, the FACS department has several options to consider. The Teaching Academy program offers students an opportunity at the high school level to find out if an interest in teaching is actually what they want to pursue in college. To become a part of the Teaching Academy the student needs to apply between January and April 15 of his or her sophomore or junior year and meet all requirements. In the fall of either his or her junior or senior year the student can take the Introduction to Teaching course. Upon successful completion of the Intro class, the student can participate in a field experience with an experienced teacher at the grade level or subject of choice. Requirements include: an overall GPA of 3.0; a 90% attendance rate for the previous semester; a one page, typed essay stating why he or she wants to be a part of the Teaching Academy; an interview; two letters of recommendation from teachers indicating the student would be a good candidate for the Teaching Academy. Students can apply from any high school in Frederick County Public Schools. All students must provide their own transportation to Brunswick High School for the Introduction to Teaching course (where it is taught), to their field experience, and to their in-service training twice a month during their field experience in second semester. The students taking the Introduction to Teaching class in the fall of their junior year can do a field experience for the three semesters following successful completion. Those students beginning the Teaching Academy their senior year must take a minimum field experience of two periods second semester in order to graduate from the Teaching Academy. Those students that come from any high school in the county except Brunswick High School will report back to their home high school after first period of the Intro class at BHS. Usually, because of travel time, those students participate in a Student Service Learning experience during their second period at their home high school. If there are any further questions about the Teaching Academy, you can contact Mrs. Lenzo at Joyce.Lenzo@fcps.org, at 240-236-8564, or at the BHS.edu website and click on Teaching Academy.

Another option in the FACS department is the Child Development completer program, which is part of our preschool program. For the student to earn the Child Development completer he or she needs to take the Child Development 1, 2, and 3 classes along with the Personal Relationships and Effective Parenting class. All high school students graduating from a high school in the state of Maryland are required to have a minimum of one completer program. Another opportunity for students also involves the Child Development program, which gives the possibility of earning the 45- or 90-Clock Hour Certificate in Child Care, meeting all state requirements. Both of these programs are rigorous learning experiences and a student should not enter the program thinking it simply is a period of time that they will just be playing with children in the preschool. In order to get to work in the preschool programs they must first pass required tests, develop a portfolio of activities for children, and have outstanding behavior in class and outside of class. After meeting all requirements, the high school students actually work with three and four year old children from the community in the Nursery School or Pre-K at Brunswick High School in the Child Development classes. The students can also earn college credit with both of these programs if they continue their education at Frederick Community College in Early Childhood Education. If there are any further questions about either of these opportunities, you can contact Mrs. Lenzo by email or phone, as listed above.

The second semester the Teaching Academy students field experiences, teaching with experienced teachers, are at ten different elementary, middle, and high schools in Frederick County. The students in the Teaching Academy this year are: Jackie Ahalt, Breanna Borrer, Grace Cassutto, Emily Crutchley, Roberta Daugherty, Kaudri Dillon, Kendall Fisher, Michael Garafalo, Sophie Grizzle, Heather Harper, Lindsay Kelly, Chelsea Kershner, Lacey Martin, Derek Mullen, Tina Privette, Rosa Quintanilla, Payton Sexton, Grant Smith, Lacey Smith, Ashley Thorpe, Danielle Weddle, Melanie Weddle, Michael Veverka, and Amber Wick. Some of the students are juniors and some are seniors and they represent students from Brunswick High School, Frederick High School, Middletown High School and Tuscarora High School.