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### Mission Statement

*BCHS promotes an environment wherein all members of its community employ 21st century skills to become creative thinkers, conscientious problem-solvers, collaborative learners and committed citizens in a global society.*

## Student Schedules 2017-2018

The administration at BCHS is committed to providing students with a class schedule that will prepare them for post-secondary educational opportunities. We have begun to build the 2017-2018 schedule based on our current personnel. It stands to reason, if our budget is not fully funded, personnel changes may occur and affect our offerings.

Traditionally, it has always been our goal to deliver student schedules by the end of May. Because of the current uncertainty around the budget, we plan to get schedules out in early June. As a reminder, we do not allow schedule changes after the last day of school. Any requests for changes must be made prior to June 21.

## National Honors Society Inducts 32 New Members

Thirty two Bristol Central students were inducted as new members of Nation Honor Society in a ceremony held on Monday, April 10, at 6:30 p.m. in the Carl A. Magnuson Auditorium. Members were

selected by the chapters Faculty Council for meeting high standards of scholarship, service, leadership and character.

We are very proud to recognize these outstanding members of our student body. National Honor Society members are chosen for, and then expected to continue, their exemplary contributions to the school and community," said Paul Pinette, Chapter Advisor.

The students learned they had been selected for the NHS on Friday, March 31, during a breakfast held in the senior cafe. This breakfast is called the "Spring Tapping" because senior members welcome junior members by going to their first period class and "tapping" the student on the shoulder. This is a tradition that has been in place for over twenty years.

The National Honor Society ranks as one of the oldest and most prestigious organizations for students. Chapters exist in more than 6,000 schools and since 1929, millions of students have been selected for membership. The students inducted were: **Preston Akerley, Alex Balfour, Morgan Begin, Xia'ian Carrasco, Andrea DeAngelo, Desmond**

DeVilleville, Sophie Hale, Paige Hinton, Emily Jusino, Michael Kaminski, Spencer Leszko, Mackenzie Lindroth, Isaiah Miller, Jacob Nelson, Selena Norton, John Osuch, Sydney Pina, Alyson Policarpio, Dante Prado, Olivia Rajotte, Tahlia Ramos, Matthew Roy, Zoe Sinclair, Taylor Soucy, Christopher Trelli, Titania Turtem, Dorotka Varela, Norman Whitney, Gabriella Williams, Meghan Woolley, Monica Woolley, and Iryna Zyma

### **BCHS Latin Students Collect International Accolades, Earn Perfect Score for Third Time in Four Years**

Thirty nine students at Bristol Central High School recently received very high scores on the fortieth annual National Latin Exam. In March, students in Kelly Monahan-DiNoia's Latin I, II, III and IV classes took the exam which is sponsored by the American Classical League and the National Junior Classical League. BCHS Latin students competed against 149,000 Latin students from all fifty states and sixteen foreign countries including: Australia, Belize, Canada, China, France, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Italy, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Singapore, Spain, Taiwan, the United Arab Emirates, the United Kingdom, and Zimbabwe. Latin II student, **Sebastian Kania**, the son of Pawel and Ewa Kania,

earned a perfect score on this tremendously competitive examination!

In its inaugural year, 1978, approximately 9,000 students participated in the exam, and the number has grown steadily each of its forty years to reach its current level. The birth, growth, and success of the National Latin Exam are all the results of a cooperative venture which has linked elementary-, middle-, high-school, and college teachers across the nation and the world.

The National Latin Exam tests students' knowledge of ancient Roman language, grammar, literature, geography, daily life, mythology, history, and English derivatives. There are also comprehension questions based on a short passage. The test has a time limit of 45 minutes. The BCHS winners will be recognized at Bristol Central World Language Department's awards ceremony on Tuesday, May 16, at 2:30 p.m. in the BCHS auditorium.

#### **Perfect Paper** **Sebastian Kania**

**Gold Medal Winners (Summa Cum Laude)**  
**Sebastian Kania, Jordan Northup, and Stephen Pittman**

**Silver Medal Winners (Maxima Cum Laude)**  
**Latin IV: Christianna Peabody, Daniel Potz, and Molly Watstein**  
**Latin III: Desmond DeVille**  
**Latin II: Rachel Ragusa**

**Latin I: Alexa Celi, Katherine Funk, Daniel Gaudoin, Benjamin Jabs, Lucas Lefield, Dominic Rowland, and Zachary Stirk**

#### **Third Place Winners (Magna Cum Laude and Cum Laude)**

**Latin IV: Devon DeNoto, Spencer Leszko, Colin Savino, Nicole Truskowski, and Alexandria Winarski**  
**Latin III: Branden Alvarado, Jacob Nelson, John (Nick) Osuch, and Brianna Saverino**  
**Latin II: Alex Crandall, Yarielis Feliberty, Marissa Pecorelli, Cody Rivenburg, Hannah Shapman, Kiara Suazo, and Erik Youman**  
**Latin I: Morgan Begin, Ava Gornealt, Morgan Greger, Jonathan Lukasiewicz, Hayden Repeta, Kaja Stanecki, and Logan Williams**

### **BC InterAct Pedals Bristol Special Olympics**

The BCHS InterAct Club is pleased to announce that its members raised nearly \$7,000 for Bristol Special Olympics at the Charity Cycle Challenge last month. InterAct Club members were happy to have helped Bristol Special Olympics as we have friends at BCHS who are special olympians. Bristol Special Olympics is a non-profit, self-funded organization that promotes the importance of an active and healthy lifestyle by providing year-round athletic training and competition for

individuals with intellectual disabilities. InterAct will host its annual "Mr. BCHS" comical male beauty pageant on Saturday, April 29, at 7:00 p.m. in the BCHS auditorium. Tickets are \$7 in advance and \$10 at the door. All proceeds will benefit the Bristol Boys and Girls Club Cambridge Park Satellite and Feed America.

InterAct students participated in the Barnes Nature Center Easter Egg Hunt on Friday, April 14. Volunteers hid eggs, handed out prizes, worked at admission table, supervised games, and watched over the children as they played with baby animals (ducks, lambs, etc.).

### 2017 Quiz Bowl

Two Quiz Bowl championship groups were crowned on April 12 after four rounds of spirited competition in the BCHS library. In the team division, the team of Nicole Truszkowski, Jordan Northup, Jeremy Ganavage and Mike Lemke pulled out a final round victory over Mr. Mirmina's advisory team consisting of Cameron Reed, Diego Naranjo, Evan Bouchard, Dan Gaudoin, and Luke Schilling. In the individual division, the battle went down to the final question before Ethan Caron came up with the correct answer to give his team the win. Winning team members were Ethan Caron, Eric Gaudreau, Dan Potz and Jeremy Baldeo. Runners up were Steven Pittman, Jacob

Nelson, Nick Osuch and Peter O'Dell. Mrs. Roberge's and Mrs. Ceglarski's advisory groups made strong showings in the semi finals before each lost on the final question of the round.

The Quiz Bowl competition began in mid-March when all students competed in a qualifying round in their advisory groups. A total of 841 students participated in the first round. The highest scorers in the opening round were Taylor Dale, Colin Savino, Jessica Higginson-Calabro and Ryan DiNoia. The top 12 scoring advisory groups and the top individual scorers then competed in a second round. Four advisory groups and ten individuals advanced to the championship round which was competed in front of a small and enthusiastic audience.

### BC Helps Baby Rams x 2

Twenty-three Bristol Central freshmen volunteered in Southside Elementary School classrooms on Wednesday, April 5, as part of a Bristol Central Rams give-back initiative. The Rams worked with the Southside School Eagles on reading, writing and math and are looking forward to returning to Southside next school year.

Bristol Central AVID students also assisted with South Side's STEAM Fest on Friday, March 17. They all had a good time and South Side teachers and students appreciated their help! Thank

you to all of you for assisting in the coordination of this effort.



### BCHS Boasts State Chess Champ!

Bristol Central freshman Jithu Sajveen won the Denker Tournament of High School Champions on March 19 held at the University of Connecticut School of Engineering in Storrs. Students from 16 towns and 29 schools participated in the tournament. Congratulations Jithu!

### Mock Accident

Bristol Central High School will be conducting a Mock Motor Vehicle Accident to promote awareness of the dangers associated with distracted and impaired driving. The event, which runs every other year, targets juniors and seniors as they approach prom time. The event is possible through a grant from Best-4-Bristol, a community organization focused on drug and alcohol awareness,



prevention and support. The Bristol Federation of Teachers and the Bristol Connecticut Firefighters Local 773 have also made donations to support the event. Organizations involved in the event include the Bristol Police Department, who utilizes Bristol's school resource officers (SROs) to participate in the event at no additional charge. Bristol Hospital EMS and Bristol Fire Department strut their stuff with two units responding from each. Wrecked vehicles for the event are supplied by Collision Clinic of Bristol. Student actors from the Drama Club and Peer Educators role play the accident scenario. Other participating groups include the United Way, the Bristol Board of Education, and staff members from Bristol Central High School.



**Mr. BCHS 2017**

Each year, the Bristol Central High School InterAct Club (a student division of the Rotary, International Club) hosts the Mr. BCHS male beauty pageant. This year, fourteen senior boys will dance, sing, and show their school spirit in hopes of winning

the coveted title of Mr. BCHS. While this show will certainly provide entertainment, the more important purpose is to raise money for our selected cause/charity. This year, we have chosen to donate half of our proceeds to FEED AMERICA, a national organization dedicated to ending hunger in the U.S. and the other half to the Bristol Boys and Girls Club & Family Center located on West St. The BBGC provides various services to children in a safe, caring environment where they can thrive and gain the skills needed to be productive citizens. Local businesses have made donations by sponsoring a boy:

- Scott Larson is Mr. Sherwood Cleaners
- Connor Stauble is Mr. Greenhouse Tavern
- Colin Savino is Mr. the Driving Image
- Anthony Scarola is Mr. Frank's Restaurant
- Simon Andrews is Mr. Andrews Perry Construction
- Cameron Reed is Mr. Reliable Spring and Stamp
- Cody Runkle is Mr. Los Mariachis
- Dominic Borrelli is Mr. BCHS Performing Arts
- Brendan Varnum is Mr. Jainchill and Beckert
- Johnny Chea is Mr. Dunkin Donuts
- Kevin Michaud is Mr. Creative Cutz
- Matt Ligi is Mr. Ligi Enterprises

Ben Funk is Mr. Fourslide Spring  
Cod y Hildebrand is Mr. ExperTees

Show Choreographers and Directors: Molly Watstein is Miss Harvest Bakery  
Lauren Santiago is Miss Sublime Oasis  
Melanie Michaud is Miss Modern Formals

**BCHS Class of 2017 Senior Prom Info**

The Senior Prom will be held on Saturday, June 3, 2017 at the Aqua Turf Club in Southington from 6:30-11:00 p.m. Students must arrive no later than 7:15 p.m. Tickets will be on sale from May 8-19. Tickets can be purchased during lunches or from Mr. Greenleaf after school in Rm. 124. The class has run enough successful fundraisers to have a photo booth at the prom for unlimited use all night! This photo booth will include fun props and dress up items for all!

Students must be a member in good standing of the Class of 2017 in order to purchase a prom ticket. That means that **they must meet all school eligibility requirements.** Anyone who is ineligible due to excessive tardies, absences or suspensions will not be able to purchase a ticket. The administration reserves the right to refund money and refuse admission to the prom for students who

become ineligible after they have purchased a ticket.

In addition, students must have paid class dues for all four years. Class dues are \$15 for each of the past years. Back dues may be paid now or when purchasing prom tickets. Make checks payable to BCHS Class of 2017.

Any student who will be attending the prom with a date who is not a student at BCHS must be aware that they will need to provide their date's name, address, phone number and date of birth as well as parent's name and address. A form must be completed and signed by the principal of the date's school to attest that the date meets all eligibility requirements. All of this information must be available at the time of ticket purchase. No one over the age of 20 will be permitted to attend the prom.

Dress for the prom is formal. Dresses for girls and jackets and ties for guys are required. While prom dresses and tuxedos are usually worn, they are not required. However, sneakers or athletic footwear, jeans, t-shirts, tank tops, halter tops, baseball caps and sportswear are not appropriate dress for the prom. The school dress code will be enforced. Bare midriffs are inappropriate. We reserve the right to refuse admission if dress is inappropriate.

Students must be in school for at least three periods on Friday, June, 2. Students who are tardy, absent or dismissed on that Friday will not be able to attend the prom. Of course students with late arrival or early dismissal may follow their normal schedule. However, students cannot miss a scheduled class.

The Prom photographer is Art Rich Studios. Students will receive a flyer with prom photo prices when they purchase a prom ticket. Students are under no obligation to purchase any prom photos, but if they choose to do so they may prepay online or have the money available at the prom. Try to avoid standing in line for pictures. The photographer will be there until all who wish to be photographed have been photographed.

Once we have given a final count to the Aqua Turf, we cannot change reservations or give refunds for cancellations after that date. If a student's actions on prom night or during the week before cause them to be denied admission to the prom, **they will not receive a refund** because we have to pay for the meal whether they are there or not.

**Senior Class Night**

Senior Class Night will be held on Tuesday, June 6. The program includes a picnic for all seniors in

the courtyard in front of the auditorium beginning at 6:00 p.m. followed by the class night program in the auditorium at 7:00 p.m. where Senior Superlative awards will be presented. Senior parents and guests are invited and strongly urged to attend the program in the auditorium. This program will also include a slide show presentation highlighting the last four years at BCHS as well as the presentation of the class gift and class poem. The class night activities will conclude with the distribution of yearbooks following the program.

**Career Center News**

We have had some fantastic events going on at the end of March and within the month of April and May!

On March 24, students were invited to attend a tour and informational session at Trumpf Inc. Trumpf is a high-tech company, who provide manufacturing solutions in the fields of machine tools, laser technology, and electronics. Students who were interested in this field of study saw first-hand how the machines work and produce desired materials. They also learned about Synchro Manufacturing, which is intended to synchronize the work of the employees with production and the product itself. This enables the best products to be manufactured with as little waste as possible.

The students had a great time and we thank Trumpf for opening their doors to us.



On April 5, the freshman class participated in a volunteer fair. Many agencies from our community set up in the library media center. The students were able to talk to the different representatives and gather information about the volunteer service. Our students did a great job! They can see Mrs. Longo in guidance for how to set up volunteer opportunities if they need assistance.



May 10, 2017 – Yard Goats, Dunkin Donuts Stadium/Sports Seminar field trip - Students who are interested in a career within the sports world are invited to sign up for the Yard Goats Sports Seminar. Students will hear from

many different professions in career areas involving sports. After the seminar they will see a baseball game. The total cost of the trip is \$11. Students should see Mrs. Longo for a permission slip. Space is limited!  
May 18, 2017 –Bristol Hospital field trip – Students interested in the health care field are invited to sign up and attend the Texting/Drinking while Driving field trip. Medical professionals will be teaching students how they treat patients who come to the emergency room with injuries associated with drinking while driving or texting while driving.

May 2017 (date TBD) – DEEP Police Presentation – Matthew Heath, a former BCHS student, will be presenting to interested students. He is an environmental conversation police officer. Students who are interested in law enforcement and environmental sciences should register with Mrs. Longo in guidance.

May 2017 (date TBD) – Field trip to Tunxis Community College Energy Management tour – Mr. Eric Gribin, a professor in the Energy Management Department, will be offering a day at Tunxis for students who are interested in Energy Management/Engineering. Students will be notified of the date as soon as it becomes available. Mrs. Longo and Mr. Piotrowski will have the permission slips.

Job Searching? The following businesses are currently looking for employment:

The Village Gate, Farmington, CT – looking for part-time employees to assist in food service

Ward Leonard, Thomaston, CT – currently looking for a part-time receptionist

Bricks and Minifigures, Southington, CT – currently looking for party hosts and customer service associates

Indian Rock Camp, Bristol, CT – currently seeking students 17 or 18 years of age to work as a camp counselor this summer  
Lake Compounce, Bristol, CT – apply online

The United Way – Walsh Summer Work Experience Program – will be accepting applications for students ages 16 and older. Space is limited, please see your counselor for an application.

All jobs are posted on Mrs. Longo’s door, sent through Naviance, and posted in the main office hallway. Please see Mrs. Longo for details.

Class of 2018 Senior Picture Information

All Torch Yearbook information is posted on the school website, the bulletin board outside the cafeteria and in the morning announcements.

**Contact Information:**  
Art Rich Studios: (860)621-6711

Mrs. Fernandez:  
 leslifernandez@ci.bristol.ct.us

**Senior Picture Dates:**

The following are free picture sessions at BCHS. There is no charge for these sittings. You may get your picture taken for the yearbook but not purchase any pictures.

**You** must contact Art Rich for an appointment.

- Monday, July 24-library
- Monday, August 7-library
- Tuesday, September 5-teachers' lounge in the cafe
- Senior Class Photo on Monday, September 25, at 8:15 a.m.-gym

**September 5 is the last FREE SESSION For Senior Photos. If you do not have your picture taken or an appointment with Art Rich by this date your picture will not be in the yearbook!**

**Class of 2018**  
**Announcements**

The **Junior Prom** will be held on Friday, May 26, 2017 at the Bella Vista in Waterbury. Tickets are \$70. The class is looking for parent volunteers to assist with the decorations and set up of the banquet hall at the Bella Vista. Please contact Anya Rochester ([anyarochester@ci.bristol.ct.us](mailto:anyarochester@ci.bristol.ct.us)) or Kathy Archibald ([kathyarchibald@ci.bristol.ct.us](mailto:kathyarchibald@ci.bristol.ct.us)) for more information.

The Junior Class will be selling water at graduation 2017 as a

fundraiser for our class. We are looking for cases of water to be donated to the class. All water can be brought in to Rm. 21 to Mrs. Rochester or Rm. 23 to Mrs. Archibald.

**Attention Parents of**  
**Current Sophomores**

A student may not enter 11<sup>th</sup> grade unless the health assessment (physical exam) and immunization update are completed. This health assessment must be done after the completion of the 8<sup>th</sup> grade but before the beginning of the 11<sup>th</sup> grade. You should also note the health assessment record (blue form) must be completed and signed by a parent or legal guardian and a health care provider. **Students who have not submitted a physical by September 30 will not be able to attend school.** The sports physical form may not be used in place of a health assessment form. Please contact Cheryl Woodward, the school nurse, if you have questions at 860-584-7739.



**Summer School**

This year, the Bristol Secondary Summer School Program will take place at **Bristol Eastern High School. Classes will begin on Monday, July 10, and end on**

**Friday, August 11.** All high school classes begin at 8:00 a.m. and end at 11:50 a.m., while middle school classes begin at 8:15 a.m. and end at 12:35 p.m. The following courses will be available:

Algebra I	Geometry
Physical Science	Biology
English 1	English 2
World History	
Modern American History	
Civics	Algebra 2
English 3	English 4

Middle School: Math, Science, Language Arts and Social Studies grades 6, 7 & 8

We will also once again offer the Summer STEM program in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics.

Summer School registration will take place at Bristol Eastern High School, 632 King Street, on Thursday, July 6, from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. and Friday, July 7, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Registration will be through the main entrance. Online registration will also be available beginning June 1 through the Bristol Board of Education website, [www.bristol.k12.ct.us/department/summer-school](http://www.bristol.k12.ct.us/department/summer-school)

Course fees for Bristol residents are: High school grade 9 and 10 are free; grade 11 and 12 \$175, and \$87.50 for semester courses such as Civics. Middle school grades 6, 7 & 8 are also free for Bristol residents. The high school

out-of-town fee is \$225 for a full course and \$112.50 for semester courses such as Civics and \$225 for middle school. There is also a \$25 book deposit for each course taken. Participants can register and pay online or in person.

Copies of the Summer School brochure will be mailed during the third week of May. They will also be available online. In the meantime, please make every effort to include the dates, location, and registration and contact information available to parents and students as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please contact Steve Gaudet, Summer School Coordinator, at 584-7735 ext. 122 or online at [stevegaudet@ci.bristol.ct.us](mailto:stevegaudet@ci.bristol.ct.us).

**Bristol Central High School**  
**2017 Torch Yearbook**

The 2017 Torch Yearbooks will sell out. Don't miss this opportunity to get the official story of the entire school year. Yearbooks are \$65 and you may pay up front or in installments.

**How Do You Reserve  
Your Copy?**

**Two ways to reserve a book:**

- A. **Purchase Online: by Credit or Debit Card Only**  
 Go online to [www.jostensyearbooks.com](http://www.jostensyearbooks.com) click on CT and Bristol Central High School.

**\*\*New this year- You may pay in installments now on your credit or debit card!**

**B. In School - Payment Plan (Installments)**

- Bring cash or a check (made payable to BCHS) deposit of \$25 to Mrs. Archibald in Rm. 23 at BCHS. **You are free to pay the balance in any increment and at any time. It must be PAID IN FULL before pick up (usually the first week in June).**

Do not delay! Yearbooks are sold on a first come first serve basis. A \$25 deposit will guarantee your child a yearbook.

Email questions to [kathyarchibald@ci.bristol.ct.us](mailto:kathyarchibald@ci.bristol.ct.us)

WEBSITE <a href="http://www.jostensyearbooks.com">www.jostensyearbooks.com</a>
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**Last Day of School**

As of the writing of this newsletter, the last day of school will be Wednesday, June 21. Exams will be given June 15 to June 20.

**Comments**

If you would like to respond to any of the articles in this newsletter or have suggestions for future articles in the BC Link, please contact Mr. Peter

Winger at 860-584-7735, ext. 150, or [peterwinger@ci.bristol.ct.us](mailto:peterwinger@ci.bristol.ct.us)