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Thanksgiving Day Football
Muzzy Field @ 10:30 a.m.

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.

Principal- Mr. Peter L. Winger
Assistant- Mrs. Marisa Calvi-Rogers
Assistant-Mr. Geoff C. Sinatra



Gina Gallo-Reinhard Honored Again!

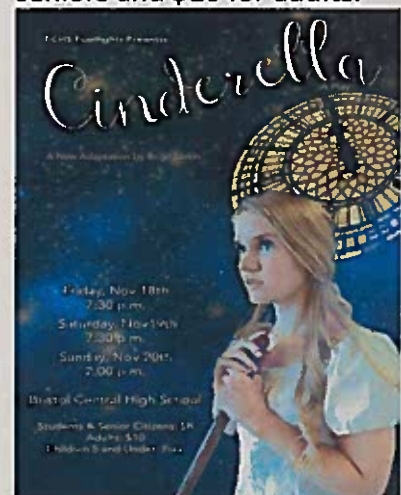
Italian teacher Gina Gallo-Reinhard was selected by a panel of judges as the recipient of our 2016 Coccia-Inserra Award for Excellence and Innovation in the Teaching of Italian (K-12). A generous monetary award of \$5,000 accompanies this honor, half of which is dedicated to professional development for Gina, while half is targeted for the exclusive use of the students in her classroom for enrichment activities and cultural field trips.

Gina accepted the award at Montclair State University on Friday, November 4, during "Teaching Italian IX Symposium/Workshop: EduMusica, Songs and Music in the Italian Classroom," the annual professional

development program co-sponsored by the Coccia Institute for the Italian Experience in America and our Italian faculty. Congratulations Gina!

BCHS Footlights Presents *CINDERELLA*

Come see CINDERELLA this weekend at BCHS! This phenomenal cast of young actors performs a new adaptation of the classic fairytale on Friday and Saturday night at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday afternoon at 2:00 p.m. Don't miss it! Tickets are \$8 for students and seniors and \$10 for adults.



BC Rocks!

You may have noticed the large rock outside of the BCHS main entrance. This boulder was

donated by **Tobacco Construction** last June. Mr. Winger painted it and the class of 2016 signed it at Class Night. The rock has now become a billboard of sorts for causes and events important to BCHS. The 12th grade AVID class has been responsible for the painting. They have enjoyed taking time outside and showing their school spirit. October saw a bright pink rock supporting Breast Cancer Awareness Month. If you drive by in early November, you will see a purple rock advertising our upcoming play, *Cinderella*. Stay tuned for a new coat of paint just in time for the Thanksgiving Day football game. The rock has been an excellent way for the class to BE CREATIVE and support all of the great things happening at BCHS.

College and Career Panel

On Wednesday, October 19, the seniors at Bristol Central took part in several college and career related workshops organized by the Bristol Central Guidance Department. Some of the workshops were geared toward students planning to attend a four year college after high school. Topics included: Completing College Applications, Navigating Naviance, Essay Writing and Searching for Colleges and a College Panel. We also had an alternative post-secondary options panel that included representatives from Bristol Technical Education

Center, CT School of Broadcasting, branches of the military, etc. A representative from Tunxis was here to discuss community college and we also had workshops on cover letter/resume writing and managing your finances. The program concluded with all seniors in the auditorium for a "Dress for Success" assembly with Men's Warehouse that helped them prepare for job interviewing. This was a great opportunity for the seniors to firm up their plans for after high school and learn valuable information they can take with them in the future.

BCHS National Honor Society's Upcoming Events

The next two months will prove to be a busy season for the members of Bristol Central's National Honor Society. On Saturday, November 12, BC's NHS hosted its annual Dodgeball Tournament. This year, 12 teams participated in the tournament made up of students, faculty and staff. **The Marshmallows** are this year's tournament winner, defeating B Group Ballers.

The winning team members were: **Brock Clark, Aaron Collins, Jeremy Ganavage, Dathan Hickey, Alex Kochi, Mike Lemke, Isaiah Miller, Diego Naranjo and Max Naranjo.**

Other awards were given to the following:

Best Dressed Team Award: Dirty Dodgers
Best Team Name Award: Dip Dodge Harambe

The tournament raised \$652 and a portion of the proceeds will be donated to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital.

NHS will hold a canned food drive beginning December 1 for a local food bank. Donations of non-perishable canned food items will be collected through December 21.

Seniors Eligible for NHS

Seniors who have a 3.7 cumulative grade point average or better will receive their information packets on **Friday, December 2**, during a brief meeting in the library conference room. The information packets are due on **Tuesday, December 13**. The Winter Tapping (for seniors only) will take place on **Thursday, December 22**. These seniors will be inducted in the Spring Induction Ceremony.

BC/Taormina Study Abroad

This November, ten Bristol Central students participated in a travel/study program in Taormina, Sicily. During our travels, we spent much of our time using the language, studying the culture and history and exploring Sicily. During our week of study, we lived with Italian families and enjoyed *la dolce vita italiana*. In the

morning hours, we studied the language and culture of Italy at the Babilonia Language School and in the afternoons we hiked, tasted, and traveled our way through Sicily. Day trips were taken to Siracusa, Castelmola, Isola Bella and local areas of interest. Through this study abroad opportunity, we have forged friendships that will last a lifetime. This experience has made the students and teachers of Bristol Central High School more well-rounded, global citizens and language students.

FBLA Decorates the Carousel Museum

Future Business Leaders of America members volunteered their time and talents to decorate the Carousel Museum for Halloween. Spooky!



Pictured: Kaitlyn Spann, Nicole Truskowski, Emily Mitchell, Mark Krawiec, and Arben Zhuta

Future Accountants Visit SCSU

Mrs. Roberge's Accounting students recently attended a

field trip hosted by the CT Society of Certified Public Accountants called "Accounting Is My Major" held at Southern CT State University. The event included three workshops: an inside look at college life with an emphasis on the experiences of accounting majors, a discussion on accounting internships and career preparation, and an interactive college accounting classroom financial statement activity presented by a Southern CT State University accounting professor.

Dr. Janet Phillips, CPA and Accounting Department Chair, informed our students of the steps necessary to graduate with an accounting degree.

"Accountants are smart, business savvy, money makers, highly respected, and in high demand. Accounting is a growing profession. Students with excellent grades are being recruited by employers as early as the end of their junior year in college!" She further explained that to become a CPA, a student must take an additional 30 credit hours beyond their bachelor's degree. Many students accomplish this by earning a Master's Degree in Accountancy or an MBA, Masters in Business Administration. CPA candidates also must pass a rigorous four-part accounting exam.

When asked what his favorite part of the day was, Ryan Suiter replied, "It was great to learn what an average day looks like as

an accounting major in college. For Mariah Santana, "Learning about accounting internships will be really helpful in the future." Angie Reynolds voiced the feedback of many students sharing that, "Everything I learned confirmed my decision to become an accounting major!"



Kneeling: Cameron Reed, Ryan Suiter, and Austin Sloane. Standing: Mariah Santana, Angie Reynolds, Calvin Tran, Desarae Johnson, Ryan DiNoia, Seth Florian, and Joshua Cahill.

BCHS Band Members Participate in Festivals

American School Band Directors Honor Band Festival

Eight students were chosen to be a part of the ASBDA honor band festival along with students from ten other schools. These students spent Tuesday, November 15, rehearsing all day, and performing a concert that night at Guilford High School. Congratulations to them and good luck!



Dominic Borrelli, percussion
Simon Andrews, trumpet
Dorsye Cantarero, flute
Isabelle Derosier, clarinet
Spencer Leszko, tenor saxophone
Monica Woolley, clarinet
Iryna Zyma, flute
Norman Whitney, percussion

Northern Region Music Festival

On Saturday, November 5, there were 11 students who auditioned to be a part of the Northern region band, orchestra, or choir. There were a total of 1,100 students who auditioned for this festival. Out of the 11 BC students, six students made it as part of the festival. Congratulations to all who made it!

Simon Andrews, trumpet (band)
Dominic Borrelli, bass (choir)
Anthony Buonafede, euphonium (band)
Dorsye Cantarero, flute (band)
Molly Watstein, soprano (choir)
Monica Woolley, clarinet (band)

Choral Workshop Participation

On November 18, Bristol Central's Madrigal Singers will participate in the Chamber Choir Invitational Workshops at Central Connecticut State University. Each year, the University Singer (CCSU's premiere elite vocal ensemble) invites two to three Chamber Choirs to sing their own music (with a workshop to follow) and learn another to sing together. After hearing the

BCHS Concert Choir at CCSU's Lydian Festival last spring, the University Singers' Director, Dr. Drew Collins, approached Mr. Nelson about inviting BC's Madrigals Singers to participate. It is certainly a great honor for our 19 singers.

BCHS Career Center News

ASVAB scores are in! Those students who took the ASVAB assessment in October should see Mrs. Longo for their individual results. An overview seminar of how the scores are determined will be announced. The ASVAB is used for entrance into the military, as well as for career exploration purposes. It is a useful tool for guidance counselors to use in order to assist the students in searching for careers that would best suit their strengths. Next ASVAB administration will be in March.

October 7, 2016 - Students visited a local manufacturing company, DaCruz Manufacturing, in observance of National Manufacturing Day. Interested students took a tour of the manufacturing facility and learned about the different career options there are available within the manufacturing field. Other manufacturing tours will be scheduled in the near future. Those students interested in this field and the engineering technical field should sign up to attend for a post secondary experience.



October 26, 2016 - The Early Childhood Education students attended an informational field trip to Tunxis Community College. The students were able to tour the campus, as well as observe the early childhood teachers within their classroom. Students were able to ask specific questions pertaining to early childhood education and post secondary options available to them.



December - Resume workshops will be offered in December. Students who have not yet completed a resume, or need to update their current resume, should attend. Dates are TBD. Focus on Business! Currently organizing and looking for professionals to complete a panel regarding those who work in Finance, Marketing, Accounting, Business Owner, etc. If you would like to be a guest speaker and work in any one of these areas, please call Mrs. Longo at (860) 584-7735, ext. 166.

EARN COLLEGE CREDIT! High School Partnership with Tunxis Community College—students with a 3.0 GPA or higher and is either a junior or senior in high school can apply to take a college course on the Tunxis campus. Interested students should see Mrs. Longo or their Guidance Counselor for more information.

Students interested in job shadowing within a certain career field, should stop by and see Mrs. Longo. If a community member is interested in hosting job shadows, your service is welcome. Please email or call Mrs. Longo at kelleylongo@ci.bristol.ct.us or 860-584-7735, ext. 166.

InterAct Club

Saturday, November 19, will mark the annual Powder Puff Football games at Bristol Central High School. The games are sponsored by the BCHS InterAct Club, a junior division of the Rotary International Club. BCHS football players have coached and practiced with girls from each grade. On game day, the freshmen will take on the juniors and the sophomores will tackle the seniors, with the winners of each going to the final game. The games will be held from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. on the brand new football field here at BCHS. \$1 Dunkin Donuts coffee, hot cocoa, and donuts are for sale too! Admission for all players, coaches, volunteers, and

spectators is \$5. All the proceeds will go to the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

On Friday, November 18, students from BCHS InterAct Club will deliver five baskets filled with all the fixings for a traditional Thanksgiving meal to Bristol families in need. The meals include everything from turkeys, cranberry sauce, stuffing, potatoes, sweet potatoes and gravy along with homemade apple and pumpkin pies baked by the students. To add a festive touch, the students have purchased candles, and Thanksgiving- themed napkins and tablecloths to adorn the families' tables.



Last month, InterAct students set out to help the Bristol homeless population. Together with Thrivent Financial, BCHS students reported to the Bristol Boys and Girls Club and assembled care packages for people who will check in to warming shelters this winter. The boxes included sweaters, blankets, nutrition bars, thick socks, and messages of hope hand-written by the students. Our students were so humbled and inspired by this event that they returned to BCHS and collected more blankets, boots, sweaters, and sleeping

bags in order to lend a helping hand in this community. The artistic people from InterAct have paired up with the BBGC for a new fine arts program. InterAct members help younger children explore the different types of media and create their own art. At the end of the program, the kids will display their work—InterAct members take pride in being part of the creation.



Dan Gaudoin, grade 9, working with his BBGC mentee last night

Class of 2018

Class dues are due to Mrs. Rochester in room 21 or Mrs. Archibald in room 23. Currently, dues are \$10 for this year and \$15 each for freshman and sophomore years. The Class of 2018 will have a fundraiser at Moe's on Wednesday, November 16. A percentage of sales after 5:00 p.m. will benefit the junior class.

Student Access to School Information

Student access to PowerSchool is available to all students. The student access program is the same website as parents use: (<http://powerschool.bristol.k12.ct.us/public/>) It allows students to self-monitor their grades and assignments. It also contains some features that make communication between students and teachers much easier. Student's user ID and password was distributed during advisory. Students should store the information in their cell phone or backpack.

PowerSchool only assigns one username and password per student. Directions on how to use the login and navigate the parent page are available on the district website:

(<http://www.bristol.k12.ct.us/>)

and on the school website:

(<http://www.bristol.k12.ct.us/page.cfm?p=98>).

Students will be accessing their grades on a regular basis with staff members in their advisory groups to review progress and set goals. Please encourage your child to use this valuable resource to help them find success at BCHS.

Bristol Central High School 2017 Torch Yearbook

The 2017 Torch Yearbook is already in production and deposits are being collected. Don't miss this opportunity to get the official story of the entire school year. Yearbooks availability is limited and the cost is just \$65!

HOW DO YOU RESERVE YOUR COPY?

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Go online to

www.jostensyearbooks.com

click on CT and Bristol Central High School.

IN SCHOOL - PAYMENT PLAN

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. **Please note:** Only some of the options on the flyer/website are being offered.

We are offering name personalization and icons as add-ons to your book.

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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. Winger at 860-584-7735, ext 150, or peterwinger@ci.bristol.ct.us