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Parent Conferences

Parent Conferences will be held over three days this fall. We have an afternoon conference time for those parents who work in the evening. Conferences will be held on **Tuesday, October 17, and Wednesday, October 18, from 6:00-8:00 p.m., and Thursday, October 19, from 2:00-4:00 p.m.** Parents should talk to their children about which teachers they would like to visit. Students are then expected to sign up for a time with their teachers. Each conference will last for five minutes and provides an opportunity for parents to discuss specific student strengths and areas of growth with teachers. School counselors will also be available on those evenings. We ask that you please take advantage of this opportunity to monitor your child's progress.

Parent Access to School Information

Parent Access to Power School is available to all parents. The Parent Access Program is a website (<http://powerschool.bristol.k12.ct.us/public>) that allows parents to monitor their child's grades and attendance daily; grades and

attendance entered into the system appear immediately on the parent page. It also contains some features that make communication between parents and teachers much easier. Parents may pick up their user ID and password in the main office by showing a valid ID. Power School only assigns one username and password per student. Separate households will have to share the ID and password. Directions on how to use the login and navigate the parent page will be 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>).

Spirit Week/Homecoming

Bristol Central is excited for Spirit Week and the Homecoming Dance. Spirit Week will be held Monday, October 23 through Friday, October 27. A Halloween theme Homecoming Dance will be held on Saturday, October 28, from 7:00-10:00 p.m. in the BC cafe. We are looking forward to a fabulous fun filled week! The schedule for Spirit Week is as follows:
Monday - 'Merica Monday - Wear Red, White, and Blue

Tuesday - Hawaiian/Luau Dress Day

Wednesday - Class Color Day

Freshmen -**Purple**

Sophomore- **Green**

Juniors - **Blue**

Seniors - **Pink**

Thursday - Sports Jersey Day -

Support your favorite team

Friday - Maroon and White -

Show your school spirit and wear your maroon and white

Saturday - Dance -7:00-10:00

p.m. in the BC cafe. Costumes are optional, BOE policy must be followed - No masks

BC Seniors Serve as Mentors

Our senior RAMbassadors are serving as mentors to our freshmen in our second year of the program. Senior teams are assigned to freshman advisories and meet with them every Monday. The RAMbassadors encouraged their freshmen to attend freshman orientation, which had a great turnout. Orientation was extended to include fun activities and building tours as well as time to build freshman and senior relationships. Freshmen feedback has been very positive— especially how orientation helped make the first week of school much less stressful! Other activities will be planned throughout the school year.

Bristol Central Class Election Results

Class of 2018

President – Titania Turtem
Vice President – Olivia Rajotte
Secretary – Paige Hinton
Treasurer – Zoe Sinclair
Student Council Liasons – Nana Affainie, Jake Dell'Aera and Rachel Raymond

Class of 2019

President – Isabella Tedesco
Vice President – Ebony Agustin
Secretary – Vanntey Heng
Treasurer – David Gao
Student Council Liasons – Masaba Hashem and Taylor Patnode

Class of 2020

President – Georgia Labutis
Vice President – Kathryn Ross
Secretary – Haley Riley
Treasurer – Zaheer Turtem

Freshmen Class Officers will be elected after the first quarter.

Underclassmen Photos

Underclassmen photos took place on October 2 and 3. Retakes will be on November 14. Forms were passed out to students in Advisory. Extra forms are available in the main office.

BCHS Italian Exchange

This November, 14 Bristol Central students will participate in an exchange program with

Fano, Italy. During our travels we will visit the linguistic school G. Nolfi and attend classes with the Italians. Some of our excursions will include the enchanting city of Florence, the Frasassi Caves, the medieval castles of Gradara and the quaint town of Loreto. We will also be attending language lessons at the prestigious Universita' degli Studi di Urbino. This experience will allow us to live the true Italian lifestyle for seven days, diving into the language and enjoying *gelato*, *macaroni* and everything Italian. Bristol Central students and their families will be opening their homes and hearts to our Italian friends in the Spring of 2018. We will be hosting 35 Italian students and are in need of host families to help make this another successful exchange. Please contact Gina Gallo at ginagallo@bristol12.org if you are interested in hosting. *Grazie Mille*

Student Council Hosts Blood Drive

The Student Council will host the first of three Red Cross Blood Drives on November 14, 2017. We are looking forward to a successful drive. Any student 17 years of age or older can donate with parent and teacher permission. We are looking forward to this drive and two additional drives scheduled for

February and April at Bristol Central.

InterAct Club

The BCHS InterAct Club, a junior division of the Rotary, International Club, got off to a great start this year. With nearly 100 members, the club looks forward to making a positive difference in the lives of others locally, nationally, and internationally. We have many exciting events, volunteer opportunities, and fundraisers planned for this school year. See Mrs. Monahan-DiNoia in room 29 or Ms. Guarino in room 31 to join--it's not too late! In September, our club members volunteered at Indian Rock Nature Center twice. Additionally, we wore our brand new BCHS InterAct Club shirts and marched in the Mum Festival Parade.



Plans for October include a coin collection and assembly line to package protein packets for food deprived populations in Hartford County. Also, club members will prepare for their upcoming 19th Annual

Powder Puff Football game to benefit the Make-A-Wish Foundation. The girls' flag football games will take place on Saturday, November 18, from 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. In 2015, the Make-A-Wish Foundation honored the BCHS InterAct Club for total donations, over the years, of more than \$25,000. Club members are very proud of their contributions to fulfill the dreams of local children with life-threatening illnesses.

Library Hours

Reminder! The Library Media Center is open every morning at 7:00 a.m. and after school:

Monday: 7:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
 Tuesday: 7:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
 - with a late bus at 3:30 p.m.
 Wednesday: 7:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
 Thursday: 7:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
 - with a late bus at 3:30 p.m.
 Friday: 7:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

During these extended hours, students are able to use computers to work on their assignments. They may also access other library resources to study, such as research, and use the library's printers. On Tuesdays and Thursdays, tutoring is available to students needing assistance with their class work.

BC Unified Sports

The 2017 - 2018 Unified Sports season is about to get underway! We'll be hosting a statewide

Unified Soccer Tournament on October 4 on the BC turf! Unified Sports® is a registered program of Special Olympics that combines approximately equal numbers of athletes with and without intellectual disability on sports teams for training and competition. All Unified Sports® players, both athletes and special partners, are of similar age and matched sport-skill ability. Unified Sports® teams are placed in competitive divisions based on their skill abilities, and range from training divisions (with a skill-learning focus) to high level competition. Bristol Central Unified Sports is proud to participate in soccer, basketball, bowling and track and field tournaments throughout the school year in many different towns in the state of Connecticut. If you are interested in learning more about this amazing program please feel free to email rosemaryrustic@ci.bristol.ct.us.

Dress Code

We've been working with our students to follow the BCHS Dress and Grooming Policy (BOE Policy 5132). As a reminder, there are clear expectations for student dress and grooming. The following "prohibited items" are a sample of what students should not be wearing to school (please refer to page 55 in the BCHS Parent/Student handbook):

- **"See through" style and/or mesh style shirts or blouses, midriff tops, backless tops, halter tops or tank tops**
- **Underwear worn as outerwear, including sleep wear**
- **Short shorts and cutoffs**

No student should dress in such a way that they expose undergarments. If students are inappropriately dressed, an alternate article of clothing can be provided, or a parent could bring a more appropriate article of clothing to school for their child. Students who violate the dress code will receive consequences for violating a school rule. All students were informed of our expectations during grade level meetings on September 8 or 9; however, we ask that you remind your son or daughter to come to school wearing appropriate attire. As always, "learning is our focus," and keeping students focused includes coming to school dressed for success.

National Honor Society

The Bristol Central High School Chapter of the National Honor Society is a duly chartered and affiliated chapter of this prestigious national organization. Membership is open to those students who meet the required standards in four areas of evaluation: scholarship, leadership, service

and character. Students who meet the pillar of scholarship must have a 3.7 cumulative grade point average or better. The overall 3.7, the "cutoff GPA," determines who is invited to fill in the information packets.

Seniors Eligible for NHS

Seniors who have a 3.7 cumulative grade point average or better will receive their information packets on **Friday, December 1**, during a brief meeting in the library. The information packets are due on **Monday, December 11**. The Winter Tapping (for seniors only) will take place on **Thursday, December 21**. These seniors will also participate in the Spring Induction Ceremony.

Juniors Eligible for NHS

Juniors who have a 3.7 cumulative grade point average or better at the end of the first semester will receive their information packets at a mandatory after school meeting. Students will have two weeks to complete their packets and return them to Mr. Pinette, NHS Chapter Advisor. No late packets are accepted. The Spring Tapping will take place in late March during first period. The formal Spring Induction Ceremony will take place on **Tuesday, April 10** in the evening.

Chapter Documents

For additional information, please visit the National Honor Society's page on the BC website at

<http://www.bristol.k12.ct.us/bristol-central-high-school/extracurriculars/activities/national-honor-society>

The Selection Procedure

1. The Four Pillars Guidelines
2. The BCHS NHS Chapter Bylaws
3. The NHS National Constitution
4. The NHS Calendar of Events

We advise all students eligible for NHS to read over these documents very carefully. These documents will be given out with the information packets as well.

For More Information...

Contact the NHS Chapter Advisor Paul J. Pinette at paulpinette@ci.bristol.ct.us

Dodge Ball Tournament

The BC NHS is sponsoring its annual Dodge Ball Tournament on **Saturday, October 28**, in the gym from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Bristol Central students, alumni, faculty, and staff are invited to play with teams of 6 to 10 players. The cost is \$5 for players and \$2 for spectators. Start putting your teams together!

BCHS Excel Club Looking for Donations

The Bristol Exchange Club is holding a **National Day of Service Diaper Drive** for the

Parent and Child Center and we, the BCHS branch of the club, are asking for donations. Such donations would help stock the Caring Closet which offers low income families basic need items. The wish list includes: diapers (sizes newborn to 6), baby wipes, baby wash and/or shampoo, Enfamil Stage 1 formula (yellow can), baby food, toddler snacks, feminine hygiene products, adult shampoo, conditioner, soap, deodorant, etc. The Exchange Club members will be collecting your donation items during *parent conferences* and a raffle ticket will be given to a student for each item. Raffle tickets will be pulled at the end of Thursday's conferences.

Join the BCHS Athletic Booster Club and Support our Student Athletes!

The BCABC supports 19 school athletic programs plus three Unified Sports teams. The purpose of the organization is to raise money to respond to requests from coaches for items not funded by the athletic budget, sponsor three Sports Awards Nights, and award college scholarships to graduating senior athletes. The Booster Club manages the concession stand for select home games for girls' volleyball, boys' and girls' basketball, and wrestling matches and tournaments. This is our main source of funding, and volunteers are still needed.

Joining the club is an easy way to get involved and support our student athletes. The commitment level varies from member to member, which you determine based on your schedule and availability. Whether you can help out once for the year or ten times, it's up to you; any help is greatly appreciated. Attached to this BC Link is a membership form. The cost is **\$20 per family**, regardless of the number of children and/or sports that they participate in. A table will be set up at parent/teacher conferences, October 17 and 18.

Monthly meetings are held on the second Thursday of every month at 7:00 p.m. in the senior cafeteria. The next meeting is October 14, 2017.

Please email Beth Marcantonio at emarcantonio@comcast.net or call/text 860-919-3116.

BCHS Writing the Way at University of CT

The Writing Initiative at BCHS, an ambitious grant program to inspire and celebrate writing across the curriculum, is sponsored by distinguished alum Adrian Wojnarowski, award winning sports writer and NBA analyst at ESPN. The Initiative launched its first project: establishing an open writing lab staffed by peer tutors. Seven student writers attended a conference at UConn

on Friday, September 29, which exposed them to the mechanics and techniques that work for high school writing labs around Connecticut.



BCHS aspiring tutors pictured are l-r: Nigel West, Marissa Pecorelli, Julia Nelson, Isaiah Miller, Olivia Rajotte, Zoe Sinclair and Sydney Pina. They were accompanied by Mr. Boissonneault and Mr. Mirmina.

Tutoring and Homework Help

Peer tutoring is now available for students almost every period during the school day in the library. Students can get a pass from the library or their school counselor to work in the library with a tutor on any subject they may need help with. For more information, feel free to contact Shawn Mirmina, School Counseling Coordinator, at shawnmirmina@ci.bristol.ct.us

School Counseling Department

Upcoming and Current Events

October 6, 2017, from 9:00-11:00 a.m.— Interested students were invited to attend a Manufacturing Field Trip to DaCruz Manufacturing facility in Bristol, CT. Ten students will be given a tour and an

informational session. Lunch will be provided. Ms. Rossier and Mrs. Longo will be chaperoning the trip.

October 11, 2017, from 7:35 a.m.-12:00 p.m. — Senior workshops/activities will be held at Bristol Central in the morning. Full-day activities include field trips to Bristol Technical High School, Southside Elementary School and Tunxis Community College. Workshops will include using the Common Application, Job Applications/Resumes, Credit Card Usage, Life as a College Student Discussion, and College Essay Writing. All seniors were able to choose an activity/workshop that would benefit them and their future choices. If you have any questions, please contact the school counseling office.

October 20, 2017, from 7:30-10:30 a.m. — ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery) Career And Skills Assessment will be administered in the library media center. This assessment offers students an opportunity to identify strengths and weaknesses in a variety of skill areas. Interested students must register with Mr. Mirmina in advance.

Students are encouraged to check the school counseling bulletin board outside the office for current job and volunteer opportunities. You can follow the School Counseling

Department on Twitter @BCHS_Guidance to stay up-to-date on job/volunteer opportunities, upcoming college visits and other important information. Parents and students can also follow the School Counseling Department on Remind 101 (text messaging service). To stay updated, freshmen and their parents can text @bchsguid21 to 81010; sophomores @bchsguid20 to 81010; juniors @bchsguid19 to 81010; and seniors @bchsguid18 to 81010.

College Goal Sunday!

The School Counseling office will be hosting *College Goal Sunday* here at Bristol Central on **Sunday, November 5, from 1:00-4:00 p.m.** *College Goal Sunday* is an event for students and parents where they can talk to experts and get in-depth help filling out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The FAFSA is an online document that must be filled out by anyone looking to receive financial assistance for college. In order to attend *College Goal Sunday* you must register at www.collegegoalsundayct.org. If you cannot attend the event on this date, there are other *College Goal Sunday* events at other locations in CT during the month of October. Visit the website above for more information. If you have questions, contact Keri Machol in the school counseling office.

Bristol Central High School 2018 Torch Yearbook

The 2018 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?

Two ways to reserve a book:
ONLINE: BY CREDIT or DEBIT CARD only

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 BCBS) deposit of \$25 to Mrs. Archibald in Rm. 23 at BCBS. **You are free to pay the balance in any increment and at any time. 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.

Email questions to katharchibald@ci.bristol.ct.us

WEBSITE www.jostensyearbooks.com

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

UPCOMING COLLEGE VISITS

College Name	Date	Time
OCTOBER		
University of Scranton	Oct. 6	9:00 a.m.
Fashion Institute of Design & Merch.	Oct. 6	10:00 a.m.
Eastern Connecticut State University	Oct. 10	9:30 a.m.
Castleton University	Oct. 10	11:40 a.m.
Syracuse University	Oct. 12	9:30 a.m.
UMASS Dartmouth	Oct. 12	10:30 a.m.
Marist College	Oct. 13	9:00 a.m.
Southern New Hampshire University	Oct. 13	11:30 a.m.
UMASS Lowell	Oct. 13	12:30 p.m.
Simmons College	Oct. 19	8:00 a.m.
University of Hartford	Oct. 20	12:30 p.m.
Endicott College	Oct. 20	1:30 p.m.
Western Connecticut State University	Oct. 23	8:00 a.m.
Lynn University	Oct. 23	11:30 a.m.
Worcester State University	Oct. 24	9:30 a.m.
Lasell College	Oct. 24	12:30 p.m.
Rivier College	Oct. 30	9:00 a.m.
University of Connecticut	Oct. 30	1:00 p.m.
St. Joseph University	Oct 31	9:00 a.m.
Plymouth State University	Oct 31	10:00 a.m.
NOVEMBER		
Montclair State University	Nov. 1	8:00 a.m.
Central Connecticut State University	Nov. 1	9:00 a.m.
Utica College	Nov. 2	12:00 p.m.
St. Leo University	Nov. 14	10:45 a.m.
United States Army	Nov. 20	10:30 a.m.

Bristol Central Athletic Booster Club

Your membership supports 22 athletic teams and pays for your student athlete's Team Awards, Conference Winner Plaques, Senior Posters, Athletic Awards Nights and Senior Scholarships

Recent items funded by the Athletic Booster Club include: Baseball/Softball/Soccer shed structure, Record Board for Track & Field, Dugouts for Baseball/Softball, Portable Soccer Goals.

MONTHLY MEETINGS ARE HELD ON THE SECOND THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH IN THE BCHS SR. CAFE AT 7:00 P.M. ALL PARENTS OF STUDENT ATHLETES ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND, PARTICIPATE AND SHARE IDEAS! WE ARE IN NEED OF HELP WORKING CONCESSION STANDS DURING SPORT EVENTS. WE ARE LOOKING FOR PARENTS TO FILL OUR VACANT POSITION(S).

Please include your e-mail address so we may notify you of events sponsored by the booster club.

Member Name: _____

Address: _____

E-Mail address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Athlete Name(s):	Grade	Sport(s)
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Please enclose a check for \$20.00 payable to BCHS Athletic Booster Club and include with the bottom portion of this form. Mail to: **BCHS Athletic Booster Club, 480 Wolcott Street, P.O. Box 700 Bristol, CT 06010.**

To contact us via e-mail at emarcantonio@comcast.net or call/text 860-919-3116.

The membership covers all sports, except football, for all children in your family that participate in athletics so there is \$20 payment per family, per year.

Thank you for your support!