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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.

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

Midterm Exam Schedule

The midterm exam schedule has been revised from the schedule on the school calendar. As of the release of this newsletter, Midterm exams will now begin on Thursday, January 19, and will end on Tuesday, January 24. Please notice that we made some changes to when periods meet to accommodate the exam schedule. This was done in order to avoid administering exams during the lunch block. Teachers are sharing the exam schedule with students but we ask that you look it over with your child as well. We will use our phone calling system to remind students and parents of the exam schedule. If we happen to close school due to inclement weather before or during the exams, then we will need to make further adjustments to the schedule.



Connecticut School Wide Testing Day - Wednesday, April 5, 2017

The State of Connecticut continues to mandate that schools administer the CAPT Science Test for Sophomores and

the SAT for Juniors. The goal is to provide a secure and undisturbed testing environment for all testing students. In order to accommodate the proctoring demands and length of testing the Bristol Public Schools determined that as the best course of action, while minimally impacting instruction, Wednesday, April 5, will be a half day dismissing at 12:06 p.m. Students who require extra testing time may be dismissed later than 12:06 p.m. and transportation, for the students who take the bus, will be provided. More detailed information regarding these tests will be distributed at a later date. Note that the half day is only at Bristol Central and Bristol Eastern High Schools.

Freshmen and Seniors WILL BE attending school on April 5. A series of special events and activities are being planned for these students. A schedule of events will be provided at a later date. Attendance of all students on April 5, 2017 is required, unless the student is ill and the proper documentation is provided.

Scheduling Timeline

The arrival of winter and end of January signify it's time to start the scheduling process for the 2017-2018. **The 2017-2018 Program of Studies is now available online. The Program of Studies should be reviewed carefully. We have made a number of changes that make the guide more user friendly, and have highlighted the numerous opportunities available for students to earn college credit.** As a reminder, we will not be providing hard copies to our students. However, if you do not have online access, we will have hard copies available in the guidance office.

The Program of Studies provides a detailed list of course offerings at Bristol Central. We encourage you to read through the program and discuss course selection with your child. Parents should read the Program of Studies and complete the **Course Selection worksheet** (mailed home) with their child, making sure they choose courses that are appropriate for his/her education. Parents and students can logon to the PowerSchool parent portal to review teachers' recommendations by clicking on "Class Registration" in the menu on the left of the page. Students will meet with their guidance counselors to discuss these recommendations and select appropriate courses, as well as

review credit requirements and plans for after high school.

In March/April, the administration and department coordinators will discuss enrollment and number of sections for each course to be run. Department coordinators then assign teachers to each section offered. Administration and guidance will begin building the master schedule for the 2017-2018 school year in April/May. Students will receive their schedules by the end of May to make sure they are placed correctly.

Students who need to make schedule changes must do so before the end of the 2016-2017 school year. No schedule changes will be made after the last day of school.

If you have any questions regarding the scheduling process, please call Mr. Wininger @ 860-584-7731.

National Honor Society

The BC NHS held its annual non-perishable /canned food drive collecting 700 food items donated to the Christian Fellowship Center food pantry.

The BC NHS also donated \$425.00 to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital

The BC NHS has added three seniors during its winter induction:

Morgan Begin
Spencer Leszko
Gabriella Williams

Bristol Central High School's Spring Induction Ceremony for the National Honor Society will be held on Monday, April 10, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. in the high school's auditorium.

Membership to Bristol Central's National Honor Society -

Juniors eligible for membership consideration, must have a cumulative G.P.A of 3.7 or higher. In addition, candidates must meet high standards of leadership, service, and character.

Leadership is based on the student's participation in two or more community or school activities, or election to an office. To meet the service requirement, the student must have been active in three or more activities in the school and community. Character is measured in terms of integrity, behavior, ethics and cooperation with both students and faculty. Students are reviewed by the Faculty Council consisting of five teachers appointed by the principal. A more detailed explanation of the process is available on the BC website, select the Extracurricular Tab then Activities.

Performing Arts News

Five BCHS musicians will be participating in the Connecticut Music Educators Association Northern Regional Music Festival on January 13 and 14. Singers, Molly Watstein (Soprano) and Dominic Borrelli (Bass) will be performing in the regional choir while Dorsye Cantarero (Flute), Monica Woolley (Clarinet) and Anthony Buonafede (Euphonium) will perform with the regional band. Two days of rehearsals will culminate in a concert at 3:00 p.m. on January 14. Students were selected for their respective groups based on high scores achieved at auditions in November.

On February 11, 2017, DyRAMics and BC Flats, BC's two contemporary a cappella groups, will be performing in the quarterfinals of the International Championship of High School a Cappella (ICHSA) competition (think Pitch Perfect for high school groups). They will combine under the name DyRAMics to compete against schools from New England and New York in Wakefield, MA. Please, wish them well in their pursuits.

InterAct Club News

The InterAct Club has been busy this winter. We adopted five local families in need for the December holidays and provided them with all the gifts that they

requested. The gifts included clothing, winter coats, hats and gloves, small games and toys, gift cards, and books.



Mark your calendars! The fourteenth annual Mr. BCHS Comical Male Beauty Pageant will be held on Saturday, April 29, at 7:00 p.m. in the BCHS auditorium. Some of the most talented, beautiful, and funny senior boys at BCHS will be competing for the coveted title. All proceeds go to charity. Businesses who wish to sponsor a boy should contact advisor Kelly Monahan-DiNoia at 860-5854-7735, ext. 329, as soon as possible.

InterAct Club members will participate in our 3rd Charity Cycle Challenge on Saturday, March 25 at the Bristol Boys and Girls Club. We'll spin our little hearts out for the Special Olympics this year. InterAct spinners will start collecting pledges soon! Please open your hearts and wallets for Special Olympians.

Finally, the American Cancer Society has resurrected "Daffodil Days"! At the end of the month, InterAct members will take orders for bouquets of ten

daffodils for \$10. The daffodils will be delivered in mid-March and all proceeds will benefit the CT chapter of the American Cancer Society.

Pushups for Patriots

The 3rd annual Push-Ups for Patriots fundraiser will be held starting Saturday, March 4, at 9:00 a.m. and concluding Sunday, March 5, at 9:00 a.m. All proceeds are donated to the Semper Fi Fund.

Here's how it works: beginning on Saturday, March 4, at 9:00 a.m., a group of individuals will begin doing push-ups: 10 push-ups every minute for a complete 24 hour period. That is 1440 sets of 10 push-ups for a grand total of 14,400 push-ups! Many participants will come for a portion of that time, doing a number of push-ups that is comfortable for them. Other attendees will simply come to volunteer, or to keep us all company. Last year we had 220 participants and raised over \$3,000. We are hoping to have the event be even bigger this year. Please consider participating in such a great cause. Give until it hurts! For more information contact, Mr. Broderick at ext.224 or, ryanbroderick@ci.bristol.ct.us



Career Center News

December 21, 2016 – Forensic Science Presentation – Professor Peter Massey from *The University of New Haven* came to speak to interested students regarding forensic science careers. The students learned about the different techniques and strategies used within this career field and what skills and strengths a student would need to apply to the program.



January 27, 2017 1:15 pm – International Institute of Cosmetology, Plainville, CT will be presenting their program to students in all grades that are interested in pursuing a career in Skin Care, Hair and Cosmetology. Students will need to register with Mrs. Longo in order to attend.

February 10, 2017 9:00 am– Bristol Technical Education Center (BTEC) 431 Minor Rd., Bristol, CT – will be presenting their educational program to interested students. Students will need to register with Mrs. Longo in order to attend.

February 24, 2017 –We are currently coordinating a panel of professionals who own a business to speak to students in the business ownership classes and students who are interested

in pursuing a career in the business field. This is open to all students at all grade levels. They must register with Mrs. Longo in the Guidance Office in order to attend.

February 2017 (date TBD) – Tunxis Community College Presentation - Eric Gribin, Director of Energy Management Program, will be presenting to junior and senior students regarding their new program. **Climate change, and our need to reduce energy consumption in buildings, has created new job and career opportunities for energy professionals.**

The Applied Associate of Science Degree in Energy Management is a unique two-year technical training program that prepares you for a rewarding career in commercial building energy analysis and energy management. Students will be referred to attend. Interested students can attend as well by registering with Mrs. Longo in the Guidance Office.

*The **ASVAB** will be administered again at Bristol Central High School in **March 2017***. 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. Students can register with Mrs. Longo in the Guidance Office.

Internships and Job Shadows!

The Second Semester Internship for those students interested in **teaching** will be partnered with South Side School. A requirement of 60 hours is necessary to complete the internship for credit. There is one more spot available. Interested students should see Mrs. Longo in Guidance for more information and how to apply. Students must be a senior in order to apply for this internship. Students who are interested in an Apprenticeship program or an internship/job shadow at a manufacturing location and would like more information should see Mrs. Longo in Guidance or contact her by email kelleylongo@ci.bristol.ct.us 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.**

Student Council Activities

Winter Wonderland Dance:

The Junior Class and Student Council will be hosting a Winter Wonderland Dance on Saturday, February 25, 2017 from 7:00-10:00 p.m. in the BCHS cafe. Tickets are \$10 and will be sold on a first come first serve basis. There is a limited amount of tickets that will go on sale

beginning Monday, January 30. Only Bristol Central students are allowed to attend. NO STUDENT WILL BE ALLOWED INTO THE DANCE WITHOUT A TICKET! Tickets can be purchased from Mrs. Hertzler in room 217 before or after school beginning on January 30 until sold out!

Winter Spirit!

Wednesday 2/22 is *Wacky Wednesday* - Find your wackiest outfit and show your school spirit!
Thursday 2/23 is *Dress like a Tacky Tourist* - Fanny packs are a must!
Friday 2/24 Dress like your favorite teacher
*BOE dress code policy applies to all days.

Blood Drive

There will be a Blood Drive on Friday, February 10, 2017. Any student 17 years of age can donate blood with teacher and parent permission. Permission slips and appointment times can be obtained in room 217 with Mrs. Hertzler.

**BCHS Athletic
Booster Club News**

The Athletic Booster Club officers would like to thank all the volunteers who worked at the BC Invitational concession stand as well as the families who donated food and drinks. The profit from this one-day event, as well as the weekly home basketball games and wrestling

matches, is a major source of revenue for the Booster Club. They would not be successful without your help. We have one more wrestling tournament this year. BCHS will be hosting the Class L State Tournament. Support the student athletes and the booster club by volunteering at the concession stand and attending the matches. If you have not already joined, it's not too late! Membership forms can be found on the school website or by sending an email to bchssports@att.net. As a reminder senior parents, you must be a booster club member before your student/athlete can apply for a scholarship in March/April.

Some important upcoming dates:

Booster Club Meeting – Thursday, February 9
Class L Wrestling Tournament – February 17 and 18
Winter Sports Awards Night – March 23

**Senior Class
Announcements**

Class Dues are \$10 and will be collected February 1-March 31. Late dues are \$15. All dues must be paid before purchasing a ticket to the prom.

The Senior Prom is scheduled for Saturday, June 3, 2017 at The Aqua Turf in Plantsville, CT. Seniors are reminded they must

meet eligibility requirements in order to purchase prom tickets.

**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. Yearbook 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 BCHS) deposit of \$25 to Mrs. Archibald in room 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.

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

WEBSITE
www.jostensyearbooks.com

Update your Contact Information Now!

If you have recently changed your contact information, please call the main office at 860-584-7735 to update our records. As we increase our efforts to reduce the number of mailings going home, our automated calling system will become an important tool to communicate with parents. If your phone numbers are not updated you may miss out on important information students need to know. In cases of emergency, we will use the same calling system to notify parents. Please be sure to contact us with any changes.

BCHS 4th Annual Culture Night

On Thursday, March 30th from 6:00 - 8:00 pm, the BC Culture Club along with the World Language Department will host the fourth annual "Culture Night" - an evening of culinary and cultural delights designed to highlight the many flavors that make up our rich cultural community.

"Culture Night" will include a pot-luck style dinner. Students and families are encouraged to bring in their

favorite cultural dish whether it may be an appetizer, entrée, or dessert. We are looking for donations of water as well. Please consider bringing a case of water to support this great event. We welcome additional food vendors, chefs, supplies, presenters and cultural entertainment to join us in celebrating the cultures of the world. "Culture Night" will be open to the public and will benefit all members of our Bristol Central Community.

Tickets are \$2 and must be purchased ahead of time so that we may have an accurate count of attendees. Please see any teacher in the World Language Department to purchase a ticket for this great event. All proceeds will be used to defray the cost of non-donated items we purchase to host the event.

All services will be donation only and every business or group will be recognized as sponsors for this event. Please consider making a donation of your time or services to make this evening a true success.

Please contact World Language teachers, Mrs. Di Carlo (TeresaDiCarlo@ci.bristol.ct.us), Mrs. Gallo Reinhard (GinaGallo@ci.bristol.ct.us) or Mrs. Kathleen Archibald (kathyarchibald@ci.bristol.ct.us) by March 15th, 2017 if you are able to donate or volunteer for this great community event!

LATE BUS

Every Tuesday and Thursday, there will be one late bus leaving Bristol Central from the front of our school. This bus will leave promptly at 3:30 p.m. This bus is in place so that students may take advantage of extra help from teachers, participate in clubs and special programs, or stay for detentions.



Only students who stay after school for approved school events will receive a pass for the late bus. Students are not allowed in the building unless they are in an approved school function or with a teacher.

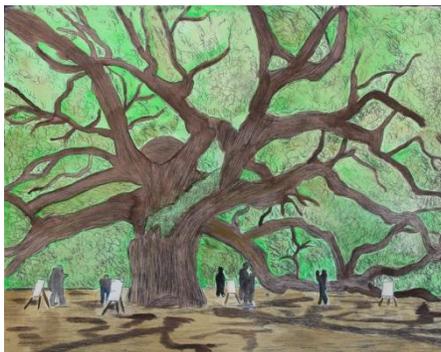
Bristol Central Students Win Awards at the CT Scholastic Art Competition

Several Bristol Central students continued to make us proud this year by winning awards over students from across the state in the Connecticut Art Education Association Scholastic Art Competition. Student art work was submitted by art teachers from CT high schools and middle schools and judged by experts in various categories. Congratulations to the following students who represented Central and won awards:

Gold: Jonathan Rindfleisch -
Drawing

Honorable Mention: Evan Day-
Printmaking, and Olivia Savino-
Printmaking

Winning pieces will be exhibited
at the University of Hartford
Silpe Gallery. The Student
Exhibition is open from 12:00-
5:00 p.m. on January 29 at Silpe
Gallery, Hartford Art School,
University of Hartford. It is also
open daily, January 5 to February
4, 2017.



Olivia Savino
Angel Tree

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,
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peterwinger@ci.bristol.ct.us



Jonathan Rindfleisch
Man vs. Machine



Evan Day
Spaceship