



The Bronco Update

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Principal's Message

The commissioner's team will visit Burrillville High School Tuesday, November 17th through Thursday, November 19th. The team will consist of 13 Rhode Island educators with a partial representation coming from the Burrillville School District.

Team members will be shadowing students and observing classes. Teachers have been requested to provide sample assessments related to the proficiency based graduation requirements, and contain feedback for students

Numerous forums will be scheduled for teachers, counselors, parents, students, and administrators and the School Improvement Team.

An open meeting for parents will take place November 17th from 1:15PM to 1:52PM in the Media Center. Interested parents should contact Ralph Olsen at 568-1310

For additional information e-mail me at olsenr@bsd-ri.net or call 568-1310.

Thank You

Ralph Olsen

9th Grade Parents

Homework Group is up and running. It runs Monday through Thursday until 2:45 in room D-2. Daily attendance is not required. If the student only has homework two or three days a week then he/she is welcome to attend on those days when they feel they can most benefit from the quiet place and /or the help.

BELLA

Attention all BHS community members, B.E.L.L.A (Bronco Extended Learning Laboratory Academy) is open after-school Mon-Thurs in the Media Center from 2:10-3:10. Teachers from English, Social Studies, Science, and Math are available to help students catch up on missing assignments, study for tests and quizzes, and provide personal support to answer questions. Teachers are available to help any students who choose to drop in. In the very near future we will be offering the Novanet program. Burrillville High School has been designated as a pilot school for this program. Students will be able to take classes online. Classes from all disciplines except foreign languages will be available. This is a great opportunity for students to make up class credits and get back on track to graduate with their class. For more information please email Greg Gore at goreg@bhs-ri.net

World Languages

Mentoring Club

All students of Spanish and French are welcome to join the Mentoring Club. Once a week, advanced students will tutor from 2:00- 2:30 pm in B-2. Mrs. Simone will be available for consultation but these advanced students will be available to help struggling students. The tutors can advise on homework, help students study for quizzes and tests and give practice work to students who are experiencing difficulty with the material. Tutors will be able to use these hours toward their digital portfolio community service requirement. The Mentoring Club will begin 2nd quarter and will run on Wednesday. The Mentoring Club will NOT be available if Mrs. Simone is not available that afternoon.

Currently I have tutors for Spanish but if there are any students of Advanced French, who would like to join us, please see me in B-2 within the next couple of weeks!

International Club

The International Club recently studied about the wonderful country of Italy! Students learned about Italian culture and also learned how to say some basic greetings and goodbyes in Italian. Club members also received a demonstration of the Rosetta Stone language learning software. Our club's culminating activity was a virtual field trip to the city of Rome. *Viva Italia!*

Arrivederci!

Advisor (Señor Limoges rm. D1)



Chess Club

Chess club is starting our ranking system in November. Come any time to play for fun or start competing. For those of you that cannot make it after school on Wednesdays, we have started an online club at chess.com. Sign up and search for BHS chess team and start playing other students from the comfort of your home.

Class of 2012

Class Dues are Due!

Cost = \$35 before December 1st and \$40 after. Dues should be submitted to Mrs. Schuetz in room A23.

Each year class dues are collected from each student and placed in escrow in the class account. Rather than collect a large amount of money in their senior year, a smaller amount is collected each school year. The dues are collected for activities such as Class T-shirts, Year Books, Senior Banquet, and other graduation expenses.

Class Rings-

Jostens will hold an informational meeting regarding Class Rings November 10th and orders will be taken November 18th during parent teacher conferences and November 19th during all lunches.

Thank you,

Class of 2012 Advisors

M. Taylor & S. Schuetz



Art Club

Art Club starts Oct 1st and will run every Thursday and will continue throughout the year. Come on by and let some of your creativity run loose in Room E6! Open to all 2pm - till? Some of the activities will include but not limited to Clay, drawing, illustration, digital photography, painting, printmaking, assemblage and sculpture. There will be informal lessons and helpful tips in all areas. Any further questions contact me, Mr. Mueller at ext 2606

Guidance News

Various scholarship applications are available in the guidance office. College bound seniors and/or their parents are encouraged to view the scholarship box and take any applications that apply. Some available scholarships include: Elks, Desautels Memorial Scholarship, RI Polonia, Beauchemin Memorial Scholarship, Hoisington Memorial Scholarship, Moran Memorial Scholarship.

School Based Coordinator

A very active October was highlighted by a trip to the R. I. Aviation Education Expo at T. F. Green Airport. Students were exposed to the many careers available in the aviation and related fields. Live demonstrations included Military planes and helicopters, Fed Ex planes, airport vehicles, etc, all of which the students were able to board and explore.

Additional educational activities and trips are planned for the coming months. Any student seeking shadowing opportunities in relationship to their portfolios should contact the school based coordinator for assistance.

Andrew Riley-BHS School Based Coordinator

Burrillville DECA attends RI DECA Fall Leadership Conference

On Tuesday, October 27, twenty-nine students from BHS DECA joined 10 other schools from RI at the Radisson in Warwick for a day full of opportunity.

Students had the opportunity to hear professionals speak on topics such as Job Application/Interview Skills, Financial Aid, Community Service and many DECA competition related workshops were given to help students prepare for competition. Students who attended will now begin to prepare for state competition that will take place in January.

One of the highlights of the day was our very own **Kassondra Rouleau was elected Vice-President of RI DECA!** After giving a compelling speech, Kassondra along with students from North Smithfield and Exeter-West Greenwich were elected to represent RI DECA as state officers. This is a wonderful opportunity for Kassondra and an honor for BHS.

In attendance at the conference was Julie Laven, who is currently a freshman at Bryant University and serves as the North Atlantic Region Vice-President on the national level of DECA. Julie did a workshop entitled "In The Know with DECA Techno!" This was an exciting and interactive workshop teaching the proper etiquette of using technology such as facebook, twitter and email on a professional level.

BHS DECA members had a wonderful experience and are looking forward to competition!



Kassondra Rouleau



State Officers being sworn in.



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Art Update

On Tuesday November 24th, Mrs. Scheefer and Mr. Mueller will be taking several classes to the RISD Museum in Providence. They will be taking the museum's "greatest hits" tour which will include the temporary Arnie Zimmerman Ceramic exhibit.

Student Work:

Coil Pot By: Tyler Vezina



Painting of Owls by Samantha Audet



Painting of New York City by: Andrea Ducharme



Superintendent

Dr. Frank Pallotta

Principal

Mr. Ralph Olsen

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Mrs. Sherrill McKeon

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2009-2010 National Honor Society Officers

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President

Emma DeMelim

Secretary

Taylor McNally

Treasurer

Holly Ratcliffe

Parliamentarian

Sarah Williams

National Honor Society members will be engaged in scholarship, Group, and individual service projects throughout the school year.



Diploma System FAQ's

What is the Rhode Island Diploma System?

Combination of all of the assessment measures, student supports, and school and district requirements that a school uses to show what students know and are able to do. Components for graduation required as part of the diploma system include completion of a minimum of 22 credits, Diploma Assessments (exhibition, end-of-course exams, graduation portfolios, and the CIM) chosen by the school, local assessments, and state assessments. It is the school's responsibility to provide each student with the necessary and appropriate support and "opportunities to learn" in order for him/her to develop the knowledge and skills needed to prepare them for success in post-secondary learning experiences and in the work place.

What is Formative Reflection?

Formative Assessment is an assessment used during the course of instruction that measures student mastery of specific indicators/standards and is used by teachers to inform and guide subsequent instruction. In the context of portfolio, the assessment of an individual entry would constitute a formative assessment.

What is Summative Reflection?

Summative Assessment is an assessment that measures student mastery of all indicators/standards included in a unit or other instructional period at the end of that instructional period. In the context of portfolio, the year-end and graduation reviews of the portfolio would constitute a summative assessment.

What if a student does not pass their Digital Portfolio?

When schools design their portfolio system, multiple opportunities to learn the skills and knowledge to successfully collect a graduation portfolio must be embedded across the curriculum and throughout grade levels. Additionally, schools should design systems (year long) due dates, built-in check points and assessments, opportunities to revise work, etc.) to support the student's success. In addition, a student that fails his/her graduation portfolio must be offered an opportunity to redo the component(s) that were failed. However, if a school has done all it can to support the student, has offered the student multiple opportunities to learn and practice his/her skills, has communicated clearly and carefully with all advisors, mentors, parents/guardians, has provided an opportunity to resubmit failed elements, and the student still does not pass, the student's diploma shall be withheld.

How will the student know that a completed task is "portfolio-worthy"?

Digital Portfolio Tasks in the Portfolio have been designed and validated by each Department. Teachers should provide a rubric so that students can judge their own work to content standards and NEASC expectations. Using content specific rubrics and building wide expectations formulated by the faculty, students in consultation with content area teachers determine the quality of the projects to be saved in the portfolio. Each project must receive a standard or better on the expectations rubric to be considered "portfolio worthy."