



THE BLUE & WHITE

School News and Notes

Bainbridge-Guilford Central School District
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Superintendent's Message

It is hard to believe we are through the first quarter of the year already! The school year seems to be flying by. Our students and staff are busy with classes, athletics and many other events.

In the coming months you will be hearing much information regarding a Capital Project that the Bainbridge-Guilford School District is embarking on with a public referendum vote hopefully in March. All school districts in New York State must have a building conditions survey completed every five years to fully assess and identify any areas of concern with structure, performance or safety. This building project has been warranted by the indication of many scope items that architects have noted that need fairly immediate attention. Please look for a more in-depth article on the Capital Project in this issue of the Blue and White.

Recently, we launched the District's first, official Facebook page under the name, *The Bainbridge Guilford Central School District*. A recent study found that 75% of all adults are using Facebook. It is important to make sure we reach all community members, parents, staff and students and this is another way in which we hope to do that. Please take some time to scroll through our page and find current events, photos of staff and students, upcoming important dates, school delays and closings. Also, in the very near future, I will begin using Twitter to keep all who choose connected to the District.

We have begun researching the process to start a Future Farmers of America, or FFA, program here at Bainbridge-Guilford. I was asked by several students in my early days here if that was something that is possible. It is an involved process with fairly strict requirements to open a local chapter here at school. We will continue to meet to figure out the best path to offer this program to our students. We live in a large, agricultural area, and this would further enhance and serve our students.

My Coffees with the Community have been going very well. I am learning a lot and getting to meet many great people. I have been presented with lots of questions, concerns and suggestions. If you have not attended and are able, I would love the chance to meet and discuss with you your thoughts on our District.

We have recently wrapped up a very successful fall sports campaign here at B-G. Our Boys' and Girls' Varsity Soccer teams made it to sectional play. Our Varsity Football team finished the year on a four-game winning streak, and our Girls' Varsity Volleyball team made it to the Section IV, Class C Championship before falling to Tioga. Winter sports are underway and I am confident our winter sports teams will also enjoy much success this season.

Please continue to email me your questions and thoughts. We have an outstanding District and outstanding kids. Please stop by and say, "Hi," the door is always open!

— Timothy R. Ryan, Superintendent of Schools

BUDGET INFORMATION COMMITTEE MEMBERS WANTED

The Bainbridge-Guilford Central School District is currently seeking members for the B-G Budget Information Committee.

The purpose of this committee is to educate community members and staff to understand the proposed budget and explain the important aspects of the proposal to the general community. We value your perspective and welcome the opportunity for community involvement.

If you would be interested in serving on this committee or if you would like additional information, please contact Janice Rideout, School Business Manager, at 967-6335.

Capital Project Gets Underway

The District recently underwent a building conditions survey in which all three of our school buildings, track and transportation facility were carefully analyzed to see where these structures fall in their *useful life*. Unfortunately, many areas were identified as needing immediate assistance.

The survey was conducted by a team of architects and took several months to complete. They entered each of the buildings, crawl spaces, roofs, parking lots etc. An item by item analysis of the entire district was created and assigned a “phase” based on need. Unfortunately, our B-G campus has many high priority items falling under Phase 1 that need immediate attention. This list of “Phase 1” items has created the upcoming Capital Project.

Much of the work required is not glamorous. Our buildings need new roofs, drainage, security measures, clocks, alarms, doors, boilers etc. The track surface is now 16 years old and its life expectancy was 15 years. Our playgrounds at the elementary buildings are aging with sections that have been disassembled or roped off due to safety concerns.

The district recently hired the architectural firm of King and King out of Syracuse, NY and the Construction Management firm of Le Chase out of Binghamton, NY to manage this project. We held our kick-off meeting on November 8, 2016 to map out a timeline of the different phases of this project. Project information will be sent to all taxpayers, posted on the website and on our Facebook page. Opportunities to tour the school facilities to see the state and conditions of our facilities will be planned.

As we move forward prior to the public vote sometime in March 2017, please contact Timothy Ryan, Superintendent of Schools, with any questions that you might have.



DCMO BOCES Welcomes New District Superintendent

DCMO BOCES staff gathered this week to welcome Perry T. Dewey, III as their new District Superintendent. Linda Zaczek, Board of Education President, introduced Mr. Dewey by saying, “I am delighted to introduce our new leader. His strategic planning skills and his deep passion for improving opportunities for our students will be our asset.” The search process took seven months and involved multiple recruitment and interview teams. “I would like to thank all the community leaders and volunteers who joined our team in this process,” said Zaczek.

Perry Dewey welcomed his new team with a warm remark, “I would like to take time to get to know each of you and learn about what you do for our organization. My working experience with other BOCES organizations tells me that the work you do, in every department and at our schools, has a large impact on our student’s opportunities.” Dewey commented on his commitment to connect school to community and to mind communications as the best vehicle to achieve understanding and collaboration.

Dewey is a native of Sherman, NY, certified by the New York State Education Department in School District Administration. His wife Sue and his two children, Theresa and Danielle, welcome the new journey. Dewey holds a Bachelor’s Degree in Professional Studies Agriculture Technology in Education from Empire State College and a Master’s Degree in Educational Leadership from St. Bonaventure University. According to Zaczek, Perry’s work experience as Madison School Superintendent, Principal at the Tompkins Seneca Tioga BOCES, and his management experience with Cornell University, will be a valued resource to impact our students’ opportunities.

Dewey mentioned his intent to interact with community partners to enhance opportunities for our students, “Our business and legislative leaders play an important role in education. These relationships open new doors and connect our students to jobs, to careers, and to good citizenship. I am confident that we will find an endless source from these relationships,” said Dewey about his passion to build new paths in what he called his new home.

DCMO BOCES serves 16 school districts in Delaware, Chenango, Madison, and Otsego County. Over 500 staff members are employed by the organization supporting instructional, management, and purchasing services. More information can be found at their website at www.dcmoboces.com.

Fire Safety Activities!

October 11-19 was Fire Prevention Week! Students at Guilford were able to participate in several activities to learn the importance of fire safety and prevention! We had a fire drill in which the fire engine came to the school for the children to see and hear. Several fire fighters then came into the school to meet our students and teach fire prevention tips. The firefighters dressed in their complete gear and showed students what it would look like and sound like if they ever had to be rescued. They taught them not to be afraid of firefighters because they are there to HELP! Guilford students were able to take a walking field trip to the Guilford Fire Station to see the fire trucks, the ambulance, and the fire trailer up close. This was a great opportunity for students to learn about fire safety rules and speak to the fire fighters in person. We thank all of the firefighters for taking the time to work with our students!

Also a big Thank you to the Bainbridge Fire Department for spending the morning visiting Greenlawn Elementary School Thursday, October 13. The firefighters provided important safety and prevention information to the students and gave them an up-close look at the firefighting equipment. The theme of Fire Prevention Week, which runs from October 9-15, is “Don’t Wait—Check the Date! Replace Smoke Alarms Every 10 Years!”

School Cancellation and Early Dismissal

Prior to the beginning of the school day, in instances of school cancellation, parents and students will be notified by local radio and television stations, and the automated notification system. These same media sources will be used in situations where school will be dismissed early. Since phone lines must be kept open during emergencies, parents of Elementary students should expect their child to follow their family emergency plan. If no one is available at the intended destination, the student will be returned to either Guilford or Greenlawn.

FAMILY EMERGENCY PLANS

At the beginning of the school year, parents will be asked to notify the school where their child should go in the event that a decision to close school early is made. During severe weather, it is suggested that parents have their mobile phones available or stay tuned to any of the radio stations listed below for release information.

LOCAL MEDIA BROADCASTING EMERGENCY CLOSING INFORMATION

RADIO

Sidney	WCDO—FM 101 WCDO—AM 1490
Norwich and Oneonta	WKXZ—FM 94
Central Radio Group	WCHN—AM 97 WBKT—FM 95.3
Binghamton	WZOZ—FM 103.1
WNBF Affiliates	WSRK—FM 103.9 WDOS—AM 730 WAAL—FM 99 WKOP—AM 1360
TV (See your provider for channel specifications)	
Binghamton	WHWK—FM 98 WNBF—AM 1290 WBNG - CBS WICZ - FOX WBGH—NBC YNN News—TW

INTERNET

www.wicz.com	Under Closings and Delays
www.wbng.com	Under Closings and Delays
www.bgcsd.org	

SCHOOL MESSENGER

(Automated phone and email system—
Closings, Delays and Announcements)

Facebook: Bainbridge-Guilford Central School

Upcoming Concerts

- **Sr. High Winter Concert:** December 7, 7:00 p.m.
- **Jr. High Winter Concert:** December 14, 7:00 p.m.
- **Greenlawn Holiday Concert** (5th and 6th grade ensembles): December 22, 9:00 a.m.



Save the Date!

The Bainbridge-Guilford HS Drama Club will have its performances on March 3rd and 4th. The show selection is a series of short stories by Edgar Allan Poe including, *The Tell Tale Heart*, *Cask of the Amontillado*, *The Fall of the House of Usher*, and more! Be sure to save the date.

Substitute Personnel Needed

The Bainbridge-Guilford CSD is seeking applicants for substitute positions:

- Teachers.....\$90/day
- Nurses.....\$85—LPN; \$100—RN
- Teacher and Bus Aides.....minimum wage
- Food Service Workers.....minimum wage
- Bus Drivers.....90% of contract rate

Applications are available under Application Forms on the EMPLOYMENT page on the website (www.bgcsd.org) or by contacting the District Business Office at 967-6335.

Community Coffee Hour

JOIN SUPERINTENDENT TIM RYAN ON JANUARY 20

Mr. Tim Ryan is looking forward to working with and getting to know the entire B-G School community. He believes that increasing communication throughout the district is one way to make sure everyone is aware of what we are doing at B-G and that everyone feels a connection to our students and the school. On January 20, at 9:00 a.m. in the Guilford Elementary School Cafeteria, community members are invited to join Mr. Ryan for coffee, to answer questions and share thoughts and ideas about the B-G District. More Community Coffee dates can be found on the school website and District Calendar.

NYSSBA Convention



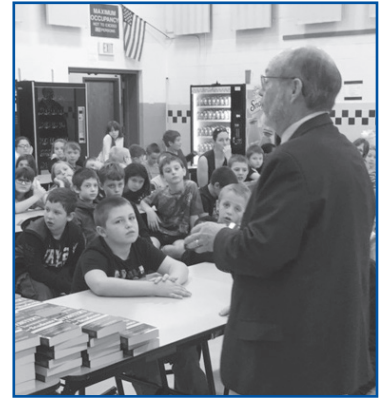
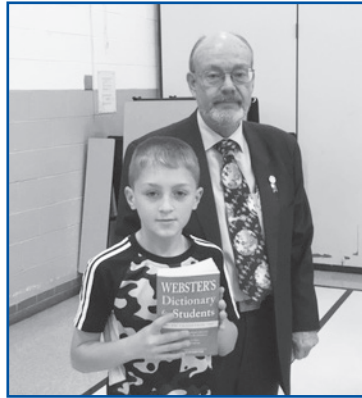
Four members of the Administrative Team presented on October 26, at the 97th Annual

NYSSBA Convention in Buffalo. The team was invited to present by the Rural Schools Association of New York State after submitting their proposal *Team Up For Success*. The team consisted of HS Principal William Zakrajsek, Greenlawn Principal Jennifer Henderson, Guilford Principal Linda Maynard, and HS Dean of Students Scott Graham. Board of Education President Emily Hall, Vice President Jeanne Shields and BOE Member Kay Striegler were in attendance.

School Related Professionals Day

On Tuesday, November 15, the Bainbridge-Guilford Central School District celebrated School Related Professionals' Day. This day acknowledges the contributions of School-Related Professionals in helping to educate the whole student. School Related Professionals perform a variety of key roles in schools, working as bus drivers, school nurses, custodians, secretaries, food service workers, teaching assistants and aides and in dozens of other job titles. Officially established as law in 2007, SRP Recognition Day falls on the third Tuesday of each November, often during American Education Week. It's time to recognize the hard work our School-Related Professionals do on the front lines and behind the scenes to help our students, help our schools run efficiently and to keep our students safe.

3rd Grade Dictionaries



Mike Wilcox represented Hinkley Insurance and the Bainbridge Rotary to present all 3rd grade students with a personalized dictionary and all 4th grade students with a personalized thesaurus. Greenlawn students are very thankful for these generous gifts.

Bobkitten Corner Update

Here's what our Guilford Bobkittens are learning and fun ways to extend their learning at home.

First Grade Bobkittens are busy reading and writing their sight words and learning short vowel words. Practicing sight words and reading with your child every night, especially the books that come home from school, will help students be successful at school. In math students are working hard on their addition and subtraction facts to 10, understanding missing parts, and completing daily word problems. Using math flashcards at home will help your child learn the facts. Shoe tying is another skill all students need lots of practice with!

Kindergarten Bobkittens are hard at work learning letter names and sounds, reading sight words, and working with numbers to 10; counting, ordering, and thinking of 1 more or 1 less. Fun learning activities you can do at home to enhance your child's learning include helping your child use scissors, glue, and paper to construct things, counting sets of objects—like M&M's, and writing letters and numbers in flour or sugar. Also be sure to read to your child every night!

Pre-K Bobkittens are learning how to sit and listen to a story. They are learning big vocabulary words like title, author, and illustrations. They are also learning to identify letters of the alphabet and are busy sorting objects into groups according color, size, and shape. Great learning happens while playing. Parents can play I Spy with students to spot letters, sounds, and numbers around the house or while driving in the car.

All of our Bobkittens need at least 60 minutes a day of physical activity and play. In P.E., students are learning jumping skills, volleying skills with balloons, and cooperative games with the parachute. Encourage your children to play outside as much as possible. Balloon play is a fun activity to get kids moving inside when the weather does not allow for outside play.

Annual Fall Parades

GREENLAWN

Greenlawn students paraded around the school bus circle led by the Elementary Marching Band!



GUILFORD

We had a beautiful, yet chilly, day for our annual parade this year. Students enjoyed showing off their very creative costumes while parading down Main Street. It was wonderful to have so many parents and friends join us for a fun-filled afternoon. Thank you for coming out and participating!



Price Chopper Tools for Schools

HAVE YOU LINKED YOUR ADVANTEDGE CARD TO OUR SCHOOLS?

Simply sign up and shop to help our school earn free classroom equipment all donated by Price Chopper. Enroll at www.pricechopper.com/savings/tools-for-schools.

OUR SCHOOL CODES ARE:

- Jr.-Sr. High: 17003
- Greenlawn: 17005
- Guilford: 17040

Share this post to get family, friends and neighbors to sign up too! The more supporters we have, the more opportunities our school has to earn points when they shop! Thank-you!

Guilford Bobkitten School Counseling Updates

During the fall months, pre-k, kindergarten, and first grade learned and practiced our school I-Care rules. Kindergarten and first grade culminated with *The Very Busy Spider*, by Eric Carle, and spun a web to catch all those responsible behaviors! They were surprised with a visit from the Very (responsible) Busy Spider!

MISS VIGNERI'S FIRST GRADE CLASS MODELS HOW TO SAY THE RULES.



I-Care rule 1: We listen to each other.



I-Care rule 4: We care about each other's feelings.



I-Care rule 2: Hands are for helping, not hurting.



I-Care rule 5: We are responsible for what we say and do.

It's a Guy Thing

SUNY ONEONTA CAREER EXPLORATION
OCTOBER 15

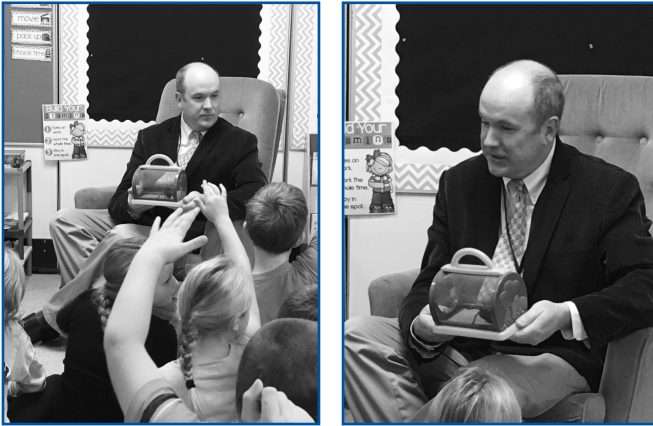


I-Care rule 3: We use I-Care language.



*Nolan Hawkins, Caleb Smith, Marklee Bartle-Hughes,
Sam Johnson, and Max Oliver;
Chaperone Mr. Davis (not pictured)*

Raven and Mr. Ryan Visit Greenlawn



On Halloween, Greenlawn Elementary second graders were *treated* to a visit from *Raven the Tarantula* and Mr. Ryan. No *tricks* were involved in her creepy, crawly debut!

Raven's Web Update

LIKE us on Facebook, on the Bainbridge-Guilford Central School page! Share our page with your family and friends. School events and announcements will be posted here and on the District website www.bgcsd.org! Thanks for your support!

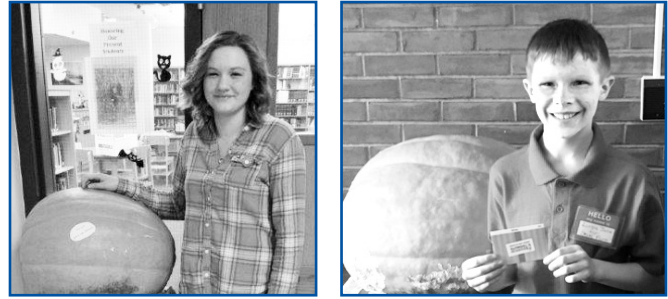
November is Career Development Month!

Welcome, fall! November brings fun and excitement with Career Development Month! Check back for activities and learning!

CAREER WEEK WAS NOVEMBER 14-18

- Monday—*Blue and White*: We take pride in our school and our community
- Tuesday—*Dress to Impress* (what would you wear to a job interview?)
- Wednesday—*Believing is Achieving!* (Wear college attire)
- Thursday—*Follow Your Dreams!* P.J. Day!
- Friday—*Oh, The Places We will go!* (Career dress up day. What do you want to be when you grow up?)

Pumpkin Weight Guessing Contest



The winners of the Pumpkin contest are: **Olivia Hawkins**, grade 10 and **Collin Dicks**, grade 5. Each winner received a gift card from Dunkin Donuts courtesy of Mr. Tim Ryan, Superintendent of Schools. Thanks to all participants!

Fundraisers 2016-17

Date	Group	Event
December 5-15	Grade 12	Chocolate Bar Sale
January 4-13	Grade 12	Cookie Dough
February 1-10	Grade 12	Galaxy Bowl Pizza
February 13-27	Grade 9	Gertrude Hawk Candy
February 16	Grade 11	Chicken Biscuit Dinner
March 13-24	Jr. Honor Society	Gertrude Hawk Candy Bars
March 17	PTO	TBA
March 18	JV Softball	Pancake Breakfast
March 20-24	Jr. Stud. Co.	Plant Sale
March 20-31	V. Softball	Travel cups/mugs/tumblers
April 17-28	Grade 10	Krispy Kreme

B-G Senior Leaves it All on the Field and Becomes a Winner In The Wendy's High School Heisman



There are some students who set the bar. They work harder, show more passion and lead by example—in the classroom, on the field and within the community. In October, Wendy's High School Heisman released the names of their 2016 award winners. We are proud to announce that B-G Senior **Abbi Miller** is recognized for her dedication to never cutting corners and approach-

ing everything with a positive attitude and work ethic.

The award recipients are known by teachers and friends for their commitment to excellence. B-G is excited and honored that a program like Wendy's High School Heisman is also recognizing Abbi's hard work. Congratulations Abbi!

—*Photo Courtesy of Amy Nordberg/Set Me Free Photography*

B-G Fields SEVEN Odyssey of the Mind Teams for the 2016-17 Season

The Odyssey of the Mind Program is in underway at Bainbridge-Guilford for the 2016-17 season. Odyssey of the Mind is a creative problem solving competition. This after school program is offered to all interested students at the Greenlawn Elementary School and at the Junior-Senior High School. Once again, **seven** teams have formed and are preparing for the competition. The teams selected their problems and started the task of creating their solutions. Their goal is to be ready for the **Regional Competition**, which will be held on **February 18, 2017** at the DCMO BOCES Campus in Trout Creek. This is an all day event and we would welcome you to come out and support the teams. Teams finishing in first place in their problem and division will go on to the **State Finals on April 8, 2017** at SUNY Binghamton.

The Odyssey program divides teams into different divisions based on the ages of team members. Division I is open to students in grades K-5 and is a competitive division. Our first Division I team has selected **Problem 2—Odd A Bot**: For this problem, teams will create a humorous story about a family that brings home an *Odd-a-Bot*. Instead of being programmed to perform tasks, this Odd-a-Bot robot learns from watching others. Teams will design, build, and operate an original robot that demonstrates human characteristics when performing tasks. In the performance, the Odd-a-Bot will move and learn human actions from watching characters perform activities such as household chores, creating art, and dancing. The Odd-a-Bot learns more than it was expected to learn, and will confuse its actions with humorous results. Team members include, **Peter Blance, Alyssa Castle, Hannah Graham, Abigail Harrington** and **Emalyn Harrington**. Ms. Castle and Mr. Graham are the coaches for this team.

Our next Division I team will be tackling **Problem 3—Classics . . . It's Time, OMER**. The future and the past collide in this problem about important works of art—both existing and yet-to-be-created. Teams will create and present an original performance about time travelers looking to discover the inspiration for great works of art, little did they know—it was OMER every time! The travelers go back in time—twice into our past and once into our future. They will see OMER inspire two classical artists and a team-created artist from our future. The performance will include how the three works of art positively impact the world, a visual and audible effect that indicates when time travel is occurring, two re-creations of the classic works of art selected from a list, and a team-created work of art. Team members include, **Camy Brown, Madalyn Brown, Kaydence Brimmer, Gabriella Cuozzo, Madalynn Gaias** and **Mariah Miller**. The coach for this team is Mrs. Cuozzo.

Our next Division I team has selected **Problem 4—Ready, Set, Balsa, Build!** In this problem, teams will design, build, and test a structure made of only balsa wood and glue that will balance and support as much weight as possible. The structure

must include sets of balsa pieces of predetermined sizes and quantities as listed in the problem. Some sets must be parts of the structure while others, if incorporated, will receive additional score—the more sets of pieces used, the higher the score! Teams will present a performance with a theme about using what's available and that incorporates weight-placement and assembling original team creations. Team members are **Trevor Bachman, Owen Fleming, Gavin Gifford, Enoche Mitchell Ross, Sawyer Swingle** and **Aiden Vermilyea**. Mrs. Fleming is the coach for this team.

Our next three teams will be competing at the Division II level, which is open to students in grades 6-8. Our first Division II team has selected **Problem 1—Catch Us if You Can**. In this problem, your team will design, build, and run vehicles from a multi-level Parking Garage to a secret meeting place without being stopped. Vehicles will travel different routes to reach the same destination. During their Odyssey, the vehicles will do something that prevents them from being followed. The performance will include the reason for the meeting, someone that wants to prevent the meeting, a simulation of a scene taking place inside a vehicle as it travels, and a soundtrack to accompany the vehicles' travel. Team members include: **Mason Brownell, Brendan Deforest, Liam Germond, Giovanni Johnson, Cooper Sienko, Trent Sullivan** and **Connor Vredenburg**. Mrs. Vredenburg and Mrs. Deforest are the coaches for this team.

Our next Division II team has also selected **Problem 3—Classics . . . It's Time, OMER**. See the problem description above. Team members include: **Marklee Bartle, Matika Bartle, Kira Davidson, Sammy Davidson, Dylan Easton, Kayleigh Northrup** and **Clare Sullivan**. Mr. Davidson is the coach of this team.

Our final Division II team has selected **Problem 5—To Be Continued: A Superhero Cliffhanger**. Teams will create and present a humorous performance about an unexpected superhero that encounters three different situations where it must save creativity in some way. The superhero will change appearance when it displays its superpowers and go back to blending in with society when not. The performance will also include a clumsy sidekick, a nemesis character, a choreographed battle, and a cliffhanger ending. Team members include: **Caleb Brimmer, Kaitlyn Curtis, Riley Easton, Lillyann Finch, Jordyn Parsons** and **Noah Patton**. Mrs. Miller is the coach for this team.

Our last and final team will be competing at a Division III level. Division III is open to students in grades 9-12. This team has also selected the **Problem 5—To Be Continued: A Superhero Cliffhanger**. See problem description above. Team members include: **Alexis Brown, Gavin Guy, Gina Haddad, Valerie Haddad** and **Landon Umbra**. Coaches for this team are Mrs. Haddad and Ms. Marshall.

January Regents Exam Notification

The January Regents examinations will be given at the Jr.-Sr. HS on the following dates January 24-27.

Only High School BOCES students and High School students' grades 9-12 who are scheduled for Regents exams or local final exams need to report to school. Buses will run on the normal schedule. Seventh and 8th grade students will not attend school this week.

BOCES classes will continue as usual for the entire week. BOCES students are encouraged to attend their classes; however, please note there will NOT be a noon bus running to take students home.

In case of a delayed opening all tests (regents and local) will be given. Regent's exam students must be present by 10:00 a.m. to take their test. In the event of a snow day during Regents week, Regents exams for that day will not be given and local tests will be given on the following Monday.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 24

- 8:00 a.m. Global History & Geography Physics
- 12:00 p.m. English Common Core
Spanish Regional Regents

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25

- 8:00 a.m. Living Environment
Chemistry
- 12:00 p.m. Algebra 2/Trig.
(2005 Learning Standard)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 26

- 8:00 a.m. US History & Government
Earth Science; Geometry
- 12:00 p.m. Algebra I Common Core

FRIDAY, JANUARY 27

- 8:00 a.m. Algebra II Common Core

Jr.-Sr. High School News

By the time this comes out in print, we will have already sent out report cards for the first 10 weeks. We encourage you to sit down with your son or daughter and review their report card. Please note any comments included from teachers. Students' quarter grades are determined from homework, classwork, tests, quizzes and projects. At the end of the year, students' final grades are the average of all four quarters. Regent's exams may be weighted into a student's fourth quarter average but for the most part Regent's exams stand alone. Students and teachers have been working hard to start the year off strong with solid grades in the first quarter.

Fall proved very successful for extracurricular activities. In varsity sports, the golf team earned six victories; the Boys' and Girls' Soccer teams finished with winning records and made the playoffs; the football team finished strong winning their last four games including a big upset over undefeated Unatego; and the Volleyball team won the MAC League Title and finished second in Class C Section IV. We also want to note the great job the Cheer Squad, Pep Band, and Color Guard did to support our players and promote school spirit. Our Pride and Spirit Week, facilitated by our Sr. High Student Council, was a huge success. The Booster Club sponsored a bonfire to kick off the week and the week ended with the Semi-Formal Homecoming Dance. Many thanks goes out to all who made these events successful and safe and we give a big *shout out* to our student athletes, band members, student council and their coaches/advisors for their hard work and dedication!

As we move into winter, we will begin on our annual food drive to provide families of our district with a special holiday basket and to send the message of hope and giving to all in our community. Please do all you can to support our efforts in the food drive.

Thank you for your continued support of your son(s) and/or daughter(s) in their academics and attendance to school. Together, we can accomplish our goal of providing our students a safe and productive learning environment.

Jr. High School Guidance Corner

2016-2017 NEW YORK STATE TESTING SCHEDULE

Please be aware of the following test dates that are very important for Jr. High School students.

7TH GRADE TESTING

- March 28-30 New York State ELA TEST
- May 2-4 New York State Math TEST

8TH GRADE TESTING

- March 28-30, 2017 New York State ELA TEST
- May 2-4 New York State Math TEST
- May 24-25 NYS Science Performance Test
- June 5 NYS Science Written Test

Please encourage your child to do their very best on the State exams. Student scores are used to determine interventions and who may be recommended for accelerated classes. Information regarding these state assessments can be found online at *Engageny.org*. When we receive the results of these exams, reports will be sent home specific to your son/daughter's performance. The testing window is much smaller this year, and it is very important to not schedule routine appointments for your child on the above scheduled testing dates.

Jr.-Sr. HS Students of the Month

B-G Jr.-Sr. High School is proud to announce our students of the month. Students of the month will receive a gift card from Rosa's Pizzeria for a slice of pizza or small fries and a small soda! To be eligible for this honor, students must be passing all subjects, demonstrate consistent kindness to others, be actively involved in school or community activities, show pride in the school and community and be an upstanding student in all aspects. We would like to congratulate these students for their hard work and effort to be both good students and good citizens!

SEPTEMBER

JR. HIGH



*7th—Nolan Burns; 8th—Katrien Roefs;
9th—Jake Buchman*

OCTOBER

JR. HIGH



*7th—Kira Davidson; 8th—Trent Thornton;
9th—Samantha Sherman*

Congratulations!

SR. HIGH



*10th—Tannar Cliffe; 11th—Courtney Delello;
12th—Kamryn Farrell*

SR. HIGH



*10th—Ryan Cooper; 11th—Matthew Warner;
12th—Daria Kozak*

Hundreds of Students Learn to Teach About Making Safe Choices



More than 550 middle and high school students from 14 school districts throughout Broome, Tioga and Chenango counties came together on Tuesday for YES Ignites, where they learned role modeling, leadership and public speaking techniques. Students will use these skills as they participate in the drug-free peer leadership program YES LEADS.

YES Safe Choices is a partnership between Senator Fred Akshar and Lourdes Hospital. YES works to help kids in our area learn skills they need to resist using alcohol and drugs. YES also provides parents with useful tips and fun activities they can use as starting points in talking about substance abuse with their kids.

Senator Akshar, attending his first YES Ignites conference, said, "I'm very excited to help kick-off YES LEADS this year. Over the last several months, I've had the opportunity to see how great these kids are and the work they're putting into improving our community. Today's training will give these LEADers valuable skills they'll use to share the importance of living a drug-free life."

YES LEADers will organize dozens of group presentations for elementary school students, and sponsor poster contests, family movie nights and other school and community events.

A representative from Youth to Youth International, based out of Columbus, OH, was on hand presenting a new pilot program called, *The pHARMING Effects*.

Developed in conjunction with the Cardinal Health Foundation, the workshop focused on new ways to educate



middle school students about the dangers of prescription drug abuse and their long term connection to heroin.

YES Safe Choices was recently selected from a group of national youth organizations and coalitions to train YES LEADers in *The pHARMING Effects* presentation, and will unroll the program in several local YES LEADS districts throughout the upcoming school year.

By the end of the school year, YES LEADers will show more than 6,000 elementary school students across three counties practical ways they can resist using alcohol and drugs.

Attending Tuesday's training were students from Afton, Bainbridge-Guilford, Chenango Valley, Maine-Endwell, Norwich, Owego-Apalachin, Seton Catholic, Susquehanna Valley, Tioga Central, Union-Endicott, Vestal, Waverly and Windsor school districts.

For more information on YES Safe Choices and YES LEADS, please visit www.YesSafeChoices.org.

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Booster Club News

The B-G Booster Club hosted the 2nd Annual Community Bon Fire and Tailgate Party to kick off Pride and Spirit Week on Saturday, October 8, at the old skate park behind the pool. We received tremendous support from the Community and would like to thank everyone that helped to put this event together again this year—special thanks to the following:

- Afton Tent Rental
- American Legion
- Bainbridge Fire and Police Departments
- BGTA
- Hart Logging
- Hitt DJ Service
- John Payne
- Lion's Club
- Mike Wilcox
- Suzi's Bake Shop
- Town and Village of Bainbridge

Everyone had a lot of fun and what a great way to celebrate our kids and to bring school and community together. Thanks again to everyone that extended their support!

SAVE THE DATE: The 6th Annual Youth Basketball Tournament will be held on Saturday, February 4. Please mark this date on your calendar.

Don't forget to visit www.bgcd.com to purchase your B-G merchandise. Once on the site, click on the *ATHLETICS* tab then *BOOSTER CLUB*—you will see the Order Forms on the right. The order forms include stock B-G Bobcats apparel and other miscellaneous items along with an order form for custom B-G Sports Jackets. The proceeds from the sale of our merchandise along with the proceeds from our bottle bins in Bainbridge and Guilford is used to help support our teams and athletes.

The B-G Booster Club meets the 3rd Monday of every month during the school year. New members are always welcome and encouraged to attend. Meetings are held in Room 104 just down the hall from the auditorium.

The B-G Booster Club and the Student Athletes Appreciate Your Support!



WCDO/Edwards Chiropractic Volleyball Player of the Year Award to Abbi Selfridge



The Catalog Outlet Dynamic Defense Award awarded to Austin Carr for his performance against Deposit-Hancock