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School News and Notes

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Superintendent's Message

Recently browsing at a book store I saw a title that caught my attention, *Why "A" Students Work for "C" Students*. While I did not purchase the text it made think about what does success, or to use the Common Core term *college and career ready* look like? A focus on critical reading, effective writing, and a conceptual understanding of mathematics principles is a core foundation for any young person looking for social, intellectual or economic mobility. In fact, competence in fundamental skills is a core foundation for true success; however, beyond these foundational skills there is *something more* and I fear our State's focus on scripted lessons, multiple choice tests, and a cumbersome evaluation system of our teachers and principals has all but eliminated an opportunity for that *something more*.

The New York State Education Department website EngageNY focuses on the theme, *Teaching is our Core*. For many years I could not have more strongly agreed with this statement. One of my favorite sayings when I was in the classroom was that the science of teaching can improve the art of teaching. My belief in this statement still holds true today; however, after two years of crisis level cuts at Bainbridge-Guilford and the departure of many excellent teachers, support staff, and administrators, I have come to realize that people, not curriculum modules or high stakes tests, are our core and will be the key to our success or failure.

I would like you to think back on your time in school and write down the memories that come to mind. For me, the memories include rich, deep conversations with one of my English teachers and my classmates regarding a piece of literature now not seen as too valuable to job readiness. I think about my high school social studies teacher and baseball coach who challenged me on a seemingly daily basis to grow and improve, not just as a student and an athlete, but as person. I am not sure that our teachers feel they have either the time or the latitude to have this impact on our young people that my teachers had on me.

My original message for this column was a rant not suitable for publication regarding the inequities of the Gap Elimination Adjustment for Bainbridge-Guilford. We all should be outraged that our State leaders are failing every

New York school student by failing to restore the money cut from our poorest schools to remedy a State budget deficit when our governor states we have a State budget surplus; however, thinking back to my time in school, it was not about the curriculum or the budget, but about the teachers, coaches, and, unfortunately, sometimes principals who defined and shaped my time as a student.

As we work on our 2014-2015 school budget we have to realize that despite our circumstances we can provide an excellent education for our children at Bainbridge-Guilford. We have to figure out a way to support opportunities for our adults to have positive interactions with our young people when every new mandate and budget cut pulls them further from this goal. We have to remember what everyone of us already know . . . no curriculum, no test, and no mandate in and of itself will positively impact our children.

— Donald Wheeler, Superintendent

Kindergarten Parent Info. Night

Guilford Elementary School will be holding Kindergarten Parent Information Night on Wednesday, March 12, at 6:30 p.m. in the Guilford Cafeteria. The purpose of this session is to begin the registration process and to inform parents about our kindergarten program and the kindergarten screening process. You will be able to sign your child up for a screening time slot at that time. If we do not have a copy of your child's birth certificate or immunizations on file please bring those items for us to copy at that time. Please call 895-6700 if you have any questions.

PLEASE HELP US SAVE LIVES Red Cross Blood Drive

Sponsored by B-G Senior National Honor Society

Tuesday March 4, 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

B-G MPR/Gym

**Call 967-6300 to make an appointment
or email kmertz@bgcsd.org**

Heroin in Our Community

The Bainbridge-Guilford School Board has been asked by a concerned community resident to address a difficult issue that confronts a growing number of local families: the abuse of heroin by teenagers. The fact that this is an issue may surprise many people who are unaware that this drug is available in the rural, upstate region. Yet, as a plastic bag with residue was found near one of our schools last year, the Board feels an obligation to provide some information to the community.

First, in terms of actual incidents involving suspected use of heroin, we absolutely advocate people contact those who are experts in the field. This includes two solid community resources which are law enforcement and the Chenango County Alcohol and Drug Abuse Services (ADAS). There may be a need for medical attention if there is current use or withdrawal symptoms are present.

The vast majority of heroin that enters the United States comes from two countries, Afghanistan and Mexico. In general, the heroin from Afghanistan is sold in powder form, while that from Mexico is sold in a *black tar* form. While it is imported by sophisticated criminal enterprises, the drug tends to reach our region in the following way: Authorities state that *street gangs* in New York City hire young men to travel, either by car or public transportation, to Binghamton with supplies of heroin and other illegal drugs (and weapons). There, the distribution spreads in several directions, including north on Route 12 towards Utica, and east on I-88 towards Oneonta.

The young men may rent a motel room, or have access to an apartment, in the smaller communities between Binghamton and Utica or Oneonta. They seek out youth who are interested in *partying*. This includes the selling of small, relatively inexpensive quantities of a variety of drugs, including pot, cocaine, prescription medications and heroin. The goal, of course, is to establish a market in every town.

While the vast majority of youth in the Tri-Town area are not going to use heroin, the sad fact is that it is easily accessible, often for less money than marijuana, and is in every community in our area today.

Just as individual families must respond to a case of a teen abusing substances, our communities must have a collaborative response to these issues. No teen nor parent should ever feel that they are alone in this. If a parent/guardian has suspicions, they may contact the school, law enforcement, the Chenango County Alcohol and Drug Abuse Services or their family medical provider. While substance abuse is a serious issue, it can be dealt with successfully.

As a school board, we believe that our primary responsibility is to keep the B-G school system a safe, drug-free

environment where our children and youth get the very best educational opportunities. This includes keeping options for after-school activities available, including sports and other programs.

We want B-G to help each and every student reach their full potential Part of our responsibility in doing that is to listen to the concerns and suggestions of the public. We encourage you to be an active participant in the B-G school system, including attending our school board meetings.

Thank you,
Board of Education

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

- Chenango County Alcohol and Drug Abuse Services 607-337-1680
- Bainbridge Police Department 607-967-3911
- Chenango County Sheriff Department 607-334-2000
- New York State Police..... 607-561-7400
- B-G Elementary Guidance 607-967-6347
- B-G Jr./Sr. High School Guidance 607-967-6320

Important Notices for Home School Parents

Transportation requests for students attending non-public schools (e.g., Holy Family, Valley Heights Christian Academy, etc.) must be received by the District Office no later than April 15 preceding the beginning of the next school year. The Board of Education will take official action on the requests at the May Board of Education meeting.

Requests for special education services for home schooled students must be received by the District Office no later than June 1 preceding the beginning of the next school year. The Board of Education will take official action on the requests at the first Board of Education meeting in June.

Please submit your letter of intent to home school no later than August 15.

Please call Sue Weibel in the District Office, at 967-6321, if you have any questions.



Local Media Broadcasting Emergency Closing Information

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WSRK FM 103.9
WDOS AM 730

Endwell

WMRV FM 105 Clear Channel Radio
WENE AM 1430
WINR AM 680
WMXG FM103.3
WBBI Sports Radio 1430
WKGB FM 92.5

Binghamton

WSKG FM 89.3
WAAL FM 99
WKOP AM 1360
WHWK FM 98
WNBK AM 1290

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Attention 8th Grade Students and Parents

Time is quickly approaching when your child will be entering 9th grade and taking high school credit-bearing courses. Several activities will be taking place to help you and your child prepare to make important decisions about high school course selection and planning after high school. In January, all 8th grade students took the Explore Test. The Explore Test helps prepare students to make selections regarding high school courses that will eventually help them to attain their career goal. More than ever before, it is important that all students have the skills needed to be successful in college and the workplace. Becoming college and career ready does not happen overnight. Students develop these skills by taking rigorous courses in high school. The Explore Test helps students explore career options and course work they need to reach their goal. A copy of the Explore Test results will be given to each student in February. Please review the results with your child. This information will be helpful when meeting with a Guidance Counselor to develop your child's four year plan.

On Wednesday March 5, the Guidance Office will host an 8th grade parent information night at 6:30 p.m. in the High School Auditorium. At this meeting we will discuss requirements for graduation and what options your child has regarding selection of high school courses.

On Friday March 14, students will be touring BOCES Harrold Campus. The purpose of the field trip is for students to tour the Harrold Technical Education Center and learn about the variety of technical educational programs offered. This visit is helpful for students when considering options for their high school four year plan. BOCES technical educational programs are available to students during their junior and senior years of high school. If you do not want your child to attend this field trip please contact the Guidance Office by March 7.

In mid-March a letter with specific dates and times that guidance counselors will be available to meet with you and your child to develop a four year plan for high school will be sent home. Guidance staff would like to meet with each student and a parent/guardian individually to develop a four-year plan. The purpose of this plan is to *map out* what courses your child will take in grades 9-12. The four year plan is the first step in helping your child make a decision about their plans after high school. Parental/guardian input and support is essential in helping your child realize their goals. There will be day and evening appointments available. Individual meetings usually last approximately one half hour.

Please contact Joanne Moxley, at 967-6320, if you have any questions.

District Communication Guidelines

Frequently, parents and other community members request help in knowing the best way to communicate with the school. The communication guideline chart below will serve as a helpful resource. By contacting the following people in the prescribed order, questions will be answered.

For Questions About	1st Contact	2nd Contact	3rd Contact	4th Contact
Academics	Teacher	Guidance Counselor	Building Principal	Superintendent
Athletics	Coach	Athletic Director	JSHS Principal	Superintendent
Behavior	Teacher	Building Principal	Superintendent	
Behavior—Bus	Building Administrator	Superintendent		
BOE Policies	District Clerk	Superintendent	Board of Education	
Budget	Business Administrator	Superintendent		
Building Use	Building Secretary	Building Principal	Superintendent	
Cafeteria	Building Cook Manager	Food Service Manager	Business Administrator	Superintendent
Classroom Procedures	Teacher	Building Principal	Superintendent	
Co-Curricular	Advisor	Building Principal	Superintendent	
Facilities	Supt. of Building & Grounds	Business Administrator	Superintendent	
Health Office	Building Nurse Office	Grade Level Principal	Superintendent	
Scheduling	Guidance Office	JSHS Principal	Superintendent	
Special Education	Teacher	Building Principal	CPSE/CSE Chairperson	Superintendent
Transportation	Supervisor Transportation	Business Administrator	Superintendent	

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Main Switchboard607-967-6300

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Ken Wilcox, Assistant Superintendent for Business

Janice Rideout, Payroll/Treasurer

Jodie Ives, Accounts Payable

Guilford Elementary607-895-6700

Victoria Gullo, Principal

Doris Bauer, Secretary/Typist

Greenlawn Elementary 607-967-6301

Michele Shirkey, Principal

Jeanne Howard, Secretary/Typist

High School 607-967-6323

Bill Zakrajsek, Principal

Julie Fuller, Secretary/Typist

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Shannon Phillips, Counselor

Nanci Miller, Counselor

Joanne Moxley, School Social Worker

Teresa Hager, Secretary/Typist

Teresa Burnett, Office Aide

Special Education607-895-6700

Vic Gullo, CPSE/CSE Chairperson

Kelly Pope, Secretary/Typist

Athletic Director/Dean of Students 607-967-6318

Greg Warren

Teresa Hager, Secretary/Typist

Transportation607-967-6324

Ken Starr, Transportation Supervisor

Building & Grounds..... 607-967-6322

Howard Thompson, Superintendent of Building and Grounds

Food Service607-967-6331

Health Offices

Greenlawn.....607-967-6330

Guilford 607-895-6703

MS/HS607-967-6313



Parade

Thanks Dolores Nabinger and Deb Johnson for representing us on the bus on Saturday. It was a beautiful winter event, with 30 units in the parade full of lights and the snow falling down! Shout out to the Bainbridge Chamber of Commerce for their 1st Christmas parade.

B-G Annual Food Drive

This Christmas season, the B-G Student Council held their annual holiday food drive. They collected non-perishable food items, as well as toiletries, baby items, and pet food. Rewards were also organized in each building for different milestones in the food drive, such as the Pajama Day at Greenlawn and photos with Santa at the high school. This joint effort between the elementary, junior high, and senior high Student Councils resulted in the collection of

over 2000 cans that were distributed to 60+ families in our community.

We are happy to say that we live in such a supportive community that has embraced this food drive over the years. In addition to individual students bringing in cans, the Student Councils would like to thank the school clubs, teams and classes who donated items. They also appreciate the generous donations from community members.



Student Council members from the Jr./Sr. High School and Greenlawn meet to plan the annual food drive.



Thanks to Chobani for donating 80 cases of yogurt to our annual holiday food drive.



▲The B-G student council delivered 68 holiday baskets to families in our school community. The delivery included a tote full of canned goods, a frozen turkey with all of the trimmings, yogurt, Christmas cookies made by the B-G Honor Society, and totes from Toys for Tots



◀Thomas Petrutoni (with his arms up) and other Student Council members packing food baskets

Greenlawn Takes NED Pledge

Never give up, encourage others (be bucket fillers), and do your best! The NED show visited Greenlawn recently to show students how these three skills will make them champions at life. Through storytelling and yo-yo skills Jessica excited the audience to take the pledge. The assembly was free and through a pay-it-forward program with yo-yo sales, Greenlawn will be sponsoring an assembly at another school.

6th grade student Lauren Womelsdorf helps Jessica out



Mrs. Davis' 2nd grade class with Jessica and NED

First Quarter Honor Roll

12TH GRADE

PRINCIPAL'S HONOR ROLL

Canfield, Delray D.
Flynn, Hannah M.
Norris, Sarah E.
Smith, Abbey
Smith, Brooke L.
Taggart, Hannah R.

HIGH HONOR ROLL

Barnhart, Jared K.
Cordner, Mark A.
Ghanem, Anastasia W.
Giles, Amber L.
Greene, Nathaniel R.
Hansel, James C.
Hotchkin, Katie L.
HSU, Meng-Ju Marina
Pratt, Justine E.
Sabin, Miranda J.
Sherman, Shelby L.
Tequin, Clark Brian J.
Towndrow, Kerstin M.

HONOR ROLL

Bame, Jay D.
Butcher, W Lucas
Carlin, Michael J.
Cirigliano, Connor T.
Cirigliano, Corbin T.
Correale, Nicholas M.
Dann, Aaron J.
DeMichele, William
Holden, Betsy C.
Hromada III, Daniel L.
LaMont, Taylor M.
Lord, Kendra E.A.
Ocasio, Kayla S.
Page, Alexis M.
Pfaff, Brianna M.
Safford, Cassandra R.
Stevens, Allison
Williams, Jonathan
Ziemann, Aaron M.

11TH GRADE

PRINCIPAL'S HONOR ROLL

Lee, Douglas J.
McElligott, Darcy
Nolan, Katherine M.
O'Hara, Kylee A.
Shaw, Bethany K.
Shew, Morgan E.
Wlasiuk, Jolynn R.

HIGH HONOR ROLL

Barber, Cadi A.
Bauerle, Adam D.
Cannistra, Aletha T.

Davis, Casey E.
Decker, Tierney
Dewey, Kayla M.
France, Jennifer C.
Hanvey, Kyle R.
Hotaling, Kirsten
McCall, Brandt S.
Palmatier, Taylor L.
Thornton, Marissa A.

HONOR ROLL

Bullis, Morgan E.
Costa, Gabriel L.
Cuozzo, Jacob
Daniels, Justin T.
Decker, Ashlyn M.
Dewey, Brianna J.
Gaias, Jeffrey S.
Green, Bailey J.
Higbie, Danielle G.
Hingos, Phillip M.
Hoblitz, Nicholas I.
Hopkins, Meghan J.
Hotaling, Kevin Z.
Ives, Emma C.
Ives, Philip T.
Janke, Philipp
Jones, Ryan G.
Ostrander, Allysa
Pikul, Joseph J.
Possemato, Olivia R.
Ramirez, Brieanna M.
Seymour, Jordan

10TH GRADE

PRINCIPAL'S HONOR ROLL

Castle, Lindsey
Fisher IV, Victor H.
McFee, Emma C.
Mosher, Wyatt T.
Norris, Daniel J.
Vredenburgh, Katlynn

HIGH HONOR ROLL

Albanese, Michael V.
Cordner, Alan J.
Decker, Amanda L.
Gaudreau, Destiny M.J.
Lester, Autumn S.
Lindsey, Joshua M.
Shearer, Jeanette J.
Stevens, Alan
Stevens, Spenser S.
Summers, Elijah
VanDermark, Corben J.

HONOR ROLL

Baldwin, Shayla
Brooker, Nicole
Cirigliano, Christopher J.
Dann, Autumn

DeShaw, Kalieb M.
Droz-Cintron, Christie
Finch, Bryan A.
Frye, Katey A.
Gonzalez, Benjamin Gabriel
Graham, Cassidy D.
Hager, Nathaniel P.
Ives, Dezaray L.
Joslyn, Laura
Knapp, Devin
Macumber, Tylor C.
McGowan, Brian M.
Mondore, Dylan
Nowak, William J.M.
Palmer, Emily L.
Ross, Tyler J.
Skivington, Jasmine M.
Smith, Riley N.
Viele, Cory

9TH GRADE

PRINCIPAL'S HONOR ROLL

Farrell, Kamryn
Fisher, Griffin L.
Garror, Olivia D.
Hinkley, Rachel J.
Miller, Abbi L.
Nolan, Aidan M.
Reyes, Rebecca
Rideout, Kyle J.
Scherhauser, Brandon S.

HIGH HONOR ROLL

Barnhart, Lindsey
Bookhout, Konnor
Burdick, Alec
Carr, Austin N.
Clark, Skylar
Diamond, Caitlyn J.
Gray, Eva
Griebel, Scott J.
Hawkins, Camille L.
Heaney, Nevada
Hotaling, Bailey
Raymer, Kyle M.
Richter, Hunter
Searles, Nathan

HONOR ROLL

Anderson, Devante
Bochicchio, Rose D.
Bronson, Austin
Clapper, Corrina
Clendening, Cole D.
DePew, Zoe E.
Everitt, Jason James H.
Gaudreau, Devyn K.
Hall, Akelyah
Hovey, Alyssa
Jones, Sean

Knapp, Levi R.
Kozak, Daria
Luca, Cameron
Mertz, Mitchell J.
Newkirk, Kaitlyn V.
Parsons, Ashley R.
Ramirez, Alondra K.
Rowe, Austin T.
Simpkin, Shawna

8TH GRADE

PRINCIPAL'S HONOR ROLL

Castle, Jonathan M.
Ceresna, Kenndra L.
Cliffe, Maya B.
Delello, Courtney
Greene, Samara J.
Hartwell, Mara E.
O'Hara, Molly E.

HIGH HONOR ROLL

Anderson, Miranda M.
Carlin, Amaya J.
Cherniak, Xavier T.
Davis, Jillian C.
DeForest, Kyla M.
Johnson, Dani N.
Nutter, Cole D.
Palmatier, Megan A.
Puerile, Collin J.
Rideout, Brenton T.
Warner, Matthew A.

HONOR ROLL

Benkovitz, Quintin J.
Cannistra, Jillian M.
DeMichele IV, Patrick J.
DuMond, Drewcylla M.
Ferrara, Cody J.
Fuller, Edward J.
Fuller, Kaia J.
Hackett, Kollin
Hall, Dakota R.
Ives, Adam C.
McCall, Morgan A.
Nordberg, Jenna
Olcott, Jordan R.
Olsen, Kody R.
Pratt, Jonathan
Terzo, Travis R.
Thornton, Haylee A.
VanName, Kateryna A.
Wheeler, Hunter D.
Wilson, Triston J.

7TH GRADE

PRINCIPAL'S HONOR ROLL

Caldwell, Zamira R.
Cliffe, Tannar B.

JR./SR. High School Students of the Month

Bainbridge-Guilford Jr./Sr. High School is proud to announce our students of the month.

NOVEMBER



7th—**Kaylee Miller**
8th—**Jonathan Castle**
9th—**Levi Knapp**



10th—**Lindsey Castle**
11th—**Taylor Palmatier**
12th—**Amber Giles**

DECEMBER



7th—**Helaina Curtin**
8th—**Jillian Davis**
9th—**Olivia Garror**



10th—**Spenser Stevens**
11th—**Kylee O'Hara**
12th—**Delray Canfield**

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!

First Quarter Honor Roll (continued)

Curtin, Helaina M.
Erceg, Madalyn
French, Haley R.
Frost, Erica E.
Gombach, Alexis M.
Gregory, Leah F.
Harmon, Matraca L.
Hotchkin, Jacob C.
Matthews, Alexis R.
Miller, Kaylee M.
Palmatier, Thomas B.
Porter, Katelyn N.
Pruskowski, Jared R.
Roefs, Brendan L.
Scherhaufer, Devon J.
Selfridge, Abigail K.

HIGH HONOR ROLL

Borowski, Damien C.
Brown, Mason G.
Canfield, Dadeon D.
Cappiello, Hailey K.
Chambers, Kristen M.
Decker, McKeyli M.
Farrell, Gavin C.
Fox, Aubrey M.
Germond, Gwenyth P.
Haddad, Gina D.
Hawkins, Olivia M.
Holbert, Ryan G.
Miller, Andrew T.
Morse, Haley R.
Oliver, Ashley L.

Palmatier, Brandon J.
Pedersen, Kyleigh D.
Pikul, Montana M.
Soules, Hannah M.
Thornton, Kori M.
Tranvaag, Alexander W.

HONOR ROLL

Bronson, Aubrey A.
Carr, Alexis R.
Cuozzo, Marissa A.
Davy, Cassidy C.
Everitt, Ashley
Farnham, Kyle F.
Gaias, Joshua M.
Hacker, Abbigail R.

Haynes, Alexis S.
Hyzer, Evan J.
Lynn, Hailey M.
Nichols, Alexis K.
Rowe, Mary E.
Seymour, Evan J.
Shampang, Kelsea L.
Sherman, Jezrah E.
Shew, Rhianna L.
Simpkin, Kyle J.
Smith, Nicole M.
Trask, Jayde L.
Watson, Gabriel W.
Young, Julia

News from Greenlawn Elementary

THANKS!

Thanks to the Bainbridge Rotary Club and Hinkley Insurance for donating Dictionaries and Thesaurus' to Greenlawn 3rd and 4th graders.



3rd grade



4th grade



Mr. Foster's 4th grade

GREENLAWN SILENT LUNCH NOT SO SILENT!



For the December silent lunch, Mr. Rick Bunting entertained the students with some banjo tunes and holiday songs. The students just couldn't resist singing along!

GREENLAWN SWITCH DAY

As part of the incentives to collect cans for the annual holiday food drive, students had to collect 1,500 cans to participate in a switch day. For switch day, students dressed like teachers, and teachers dressed like the students.



Mr. Foster and Owen Drown Sheri Soules and Haley Soules

HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE



The holiday food drive got an extra boost this year from the Guilford Lake Convenience store. Mrs. Davis' class is pictured here accepting over 200 items being donated by the store. Thank you!

IN THE SPIRIT



Santa's helper and elves visited the Greenlawn holiday concert and gave each student a pencil.

Senior National Honor Society News

The members of the B-G Senior National Honor Society are chosen based on their superior academic record, their service to school and community, their leadership qualities and their upstanding character. Once a member of this organization, the students are urged to continue to serve as good leaders and to encourage others to do the same.

New members will be inducted into the B-G Senior National Honor Society in March. To be eligible for induction the following criteria applies:

1. Juniors and seniors with a cumulative average of 90.0 or higher are eligible. The average must be a *pure* 90, not a rounded 90. Students must have passed, unless legally exempted, the following courses and their accompanying Regents exams:
 - English 9 and 10
 - Global Studies
 - French 1 and 2 OR Spanish 1 and 2
 - 2 Regents Sciences
 - 1 Regents Math, PLUS one higher level math course
2. Honor Society induction is held once a year in the spring after 1st semester grades are finalized.
3. Eligible students are asked to fill out a Student Activities Information Form (SAIF) detailing their extracurricular school and community activities and return it by a specified date. This documentation will provide the faculty and selection committee with information to assess the *service, leadership and character criteria* for Honor Society membership. If there are any extenuating circumstances that impact a student's participation in such activities, these should be noted on this sheet. The SAIF forms will be returned to the Honor Society Advisor. Failure to return the SAIF will indicate that the student does not wish to be considered for induction.
4. Brief interviews are then scheduled (generally 11th period, lunch or immediately after school) so that each eligible student has a chance to meet with the Faculty Selection Committee to summarize and discuss his or her activity sheet and the four criteria for Honor Society induction. Failure to meet with the committee will indicate that the student does not want to be considered for induction.
5. Summaries of the activity sheets will be presented by the Honor Society Advisor to the high school teachers, after which the faculty will rate each student on a scale of 1-5 in the categories of *leadership, service, and character*. The faculty ratings will be collected and tabulated as input for the Honor Society Committee.
6. The Honor Society Faculty Selection Committee will average the ratings for each student in each category, after dropping one lowest score and one highest score

in each category. Each average will be rounded to two places (example: 3.95). These ratings provide input to the Faculty Committee in its deliberations.

7. At this point the Faculty Committee votes on the student's selection. A student needs an average of 4.00 in each category to be voted on by the faculty committee. The only exception is if a student falls below the necessary average in any one category but his or her overall average still meets the required 4.00 level, a candidate may still be voted upon after discussion and with assent of the Faculty Committee. For this to occur, however, the candidate's **OVERALL** average of the three categories **MUST STILL MEET THE REQUIRED 4.00**.
8. All candidates under consideration will be notified in person by a member of the Faculty Selection Committee regarding that committee's final decision.
9. After induction, members are expected to maintain a 90 average or higher. A member whose cumulative average has fallen below 90 after a 10-week marking period will be notified by the Faculty Selection Committee and will be requested to meet with them to determine ramifications.
10. After induction, all members are expected to remain true to the NHS ideals of *scholarship, leadership, service and character*.

This year's Senior National Honor Society students have been busy living up to these ideals. A Red Cross Blood Drive was held in November where 48 pints of blood were collected that will help more than 140 patients. Another blood drive will be held on Tuesday March 4. In December, they sponsored a *Hat Day* with the proceeds going to buy boxes of stuffing and containers for cookies to be put in the holiday baskets that were delivered to area families by the Student Council. Senior and Junior Honor Society members, along with YES Leads! members and Ms. Lori Miller's FACS classes baked over 80 dozen cookies to add a little homemade holiday cheer. Additional activities are being planned for the remainder of the school year.



Important Music Dept. Dates

March 14-15	County Music Festival, Norwich
March 26	HS Music in Our Schools Concert, 7:30 p.m.
April 9	Jr. High Spring Concert, 7:00 p.m.
April 11	2/3 Multi-Age Concert, Greenlawn, 9:00 a.m.

Odyssey of the Minds News

FOURTH ODYSSEY TEAM FORMS

Shortly after the last *Blue and White* went to press, a fourth Odyssey team formed for the 2013-14 season. This team will be tackling the problem, *The Not So Haunted House*. The team's problem is to create and present an original performance that includes a *pop-up-style* not-so-haunted *house* where four special effects take place. The intent of the special effects will be to scare others, but they will produce a different result instead. The performance will include at least one character that experiences the special effects and a narrator who relays the experiences to the audience. It will also include a surprise ending. The special effects will be scored for originality and engineering. Team members include **Connor Vredenburg, Liam Germond, Trent Sullivan, Mason Brownell** and **Arian Sherman**. Coaches for this team are Mary Vredenburg and Amanda Church.

ODYSSEY TEAMS GEAR UP FOR REGIONAL COMPETITION

B-G's four Odyssey Teams have been working hard all year in preparation for the Regional Competition, which will take place on Saturday, February 15, at DCMO BOCES Harrold Campus in Trout Creek. As this competition date draws nearer, the teams are putting it in high gear to be sure their solutions are ready for the big day.

To help the teams prepare for the spontaneous phase of the competition, a mini spontaneous event was held at Greenlawn in January. This event gave the teams an opportunity to try a variety of spontaneous problems in a competition like atmosphere. This year each team was challenged with four hands on problems and four verbal problems. The success of the event was made possible thanks to a number of people who volunteer their time to serve as judges for each problem. Their help with this event was greatly appreciated.

Best of luck to all the teams as they head to the Regional Competition! Specific competition times for each team should be available soon. Should you be interested in coming to support our teams on February 15, please contact Lorraine Porter at 967-6301 or lporter@bgcsd.org for competition times of our B-G teams.

Bainbridge Chamber of Commerce Raise Funds for Odyssey Program



Chamber member Alan Phelps presents a check from the Autumn Classic to Lorraine Porter, B-G Odyssey of the Mind Coordinator.

Those involved with the Odyssey of the Mind program are very appreciative of the monetary support bestowed upon the Odyssey program by the Bainbridge Chamber of Commerce. On September 21, the Chamber held the *Autumn Classic* Golf Tournament and committed half of the money raised to help fund the B-G Odyssey of the Mind program for the 2013-14 season. Odyssey team members and parents helped with refreshments for the Tournament.

A great big thank you to all those Odyssey members that were able to assist with this and to Robin Haddad for coordinating this effort.

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DATE CHANGE!

Play Day at Guilford Elementary will be Thursday, June 19. Rain date will be Monday June 23.

Budget Advisory Committee Members Wanted

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

The Budget Advisory Committee consists of community members within our district who provide input and assistance from many different perspectives on these difficult decisions. We value your ideas and welcome the opportunity for community involvement.

The first meeting will be on February 27, to discuss the budget process and provide an overview of the current fiscal environment. Subsequent meetings will commence once a week continuing through April 3 when a proposed budget is adopted by the Board of Education.

If you would be interested in serving on this committee or if you would like additional information, please contact Mr. Kenneth C. Wilcox, Jr., Assistant Superintendent for Business, at 967-6335.

Booster Club News

YOUTH BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

The Bainbridge-Guilford Booster Club will be hosting The 3rd Annual Youth Boys' & Girls' Basketball Tournament on Saturday, March 1, at the Bainbridge-Guilford High School. The past year's tournaments have been a huge success and we received tremendous support from area businesses for which we are very thankful.

The B-G Booster Club wants to insure that all of our young athletes have the opportunity to participate. All of the proceeds from the past year's tournaments were used to help support our youth programs and our intent is to do the same going forward.

We are seeking support for this year's event. A portion of the monetary donations will go toward t-shirts that will be given to every student-athlete who participates in the event. For those who sponsor \$50 or more, your logo will be shown as a sponsor of the event on the back of the t-shirt. If you would like to make a donation toward this year's tournament or are interested in volunteering your time to help with this event, please contact Christine Smith at 967-3005 or any of the other members of the booster club.

We hope to see you at this year's tournament!

The B-G Booster Club meets the third Monday of every month. New members are always welcome and encouraged to attend.



Drama Club

B-G Drama Club will present *Deadwood Dick and The Game of Gold: A Rootin-Tootin Western Melodrama* of the 1890s by Tom Taggart on February 28 and March 1. Show time is 7:00 p.m. Save the date!

B-G Website

WWW.BGCSD.ORG

Click on District website icon and then enter user name: *bgguest*; password: *bobcats* and click login. Click the appropriate button on the left side of the screen to view the current information available.

Visitors—Please Sign In!

You are welcome in our school at any time. To better assist you and allow classes to progress without disruption and to ensure that only authorized persons have contact with our pupils, please report to the building main office, sign in and receive a visitor's badge. Thank you for helping us to keep our children secure!

Fundraisers 2013-14

DATE	GROUP	EVENT
January 29-February 8	Grade 12	Cookie Dough
February 11-28	Grade 12	Galaxy Bowl Pizza
February 24-March 7	Grade 9	Gertrude Hawk Candy

Rotary Club and Drama Club

The B-G Drama Club were guests of the Bainbridge Rotary and treated the Rotary club to some of the scenes from their upcoming play.



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Two School Board Terms Expiring June 30, 2014

There are two 3-year term Board of Education seats ending on June 30, 2014.

Petitions nominating candidates for the office of member of the Board of Education must be filed with the Clerk of the District not later than April 21, at 5:00 p.m. More information and petitions are available in the District Office or by calling 967-6321.

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETINGS 2013-2014 SCHOOL YEAR

Executive Session: 6:30 p.m. • **Open Session: 7:00 p.m.**

DAY	DATE	MEETING PLACE
Thursday	2/06/14	High School
Thursday	2/20/14	High School
Thursday	3/06/14	Guilford
Thursday	3/20/14	Guilford
Thursday	4/03/14	High School
Monday	4/21/14	High School, BOCES Board Election
Thursday	5/01/14	Guilford
Tuesday	5/13/14	High School, Public Hearing—Budget
Tuesday	5/20/14	VOTE—School Budget and Board Elections
Tuesday	5/20/14	Guilford, 6:00 p.m.
Thursday	6/05/14	High School
Thursday	6/19/14	High School
Thursday	7/10/14	Guilford, Re-Organizational Meeting

BOARD OF EDUCATION

President Jason Fleming; Vice President Brenda Parsons; members: Charlie Blincoe, Jeanne Shields, Patrick McElligott, Emily Hall and Julee Hartwell

Vote—May 20

Vote on the School Budget and the election of Board of Education candidates. Your vote does make a difference!

VOTER QUALIFICATIONS

A person shall be entitled to vote on the appointed date for the election of school district officials, and upon all other matters which may be in the form of a referendum, who is:

- A citizen of the United States;
- Eighteen years of age; and
- A resident within the district for a period of thirty (30) days next preceding the meeting at which he/she offers to vote.

No person shall be determined ineligible to vote by reason of race, creed, color or sex, who has other qualifications in this section.

VOTER REGISTRATION

Personal registration of Voters is required for the annual vote. Registration will be held on May 13, 2014 from 2:00-7:00 p.m. at the Town Halls in Bainbridge and the Guilford. Voters may also register with the District Clerk until May 15, 2013.

ABSENTEE BALLOTS

Applications for absentee ballots are available at the District Office. Applicants must submit application to the District Clerk seven days before the election date if the ballot is to be mailed. Absentee ballots must be received by 5:00 p.m. on the day of the vote.

The District Office is located in the Jr./Sr. High School. Office hours are 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.