



Bainbridge-Guilford Central School District

The Blue and White

School News & Notes

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Veterans Day Celebrations at Greenlawn Elementary School!



Thank you for your service!

Jr.-Sr. High School "Students of the Month"

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

SEPTEMBER



Davis Barnard



Mariah Miller



Enoche Ross



Margaret Marshfield



Matthew Moyer



Trenton Reynolds

OCTOBER



Laila Williams



Kaylynn Crandall



Ellie Brown



Adriana Petrutoni



Arianna Thorn



Anthonylouis Grigoli

Students of the Month will receive a \$5 gift card from Sal's Pizzeria.

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!

Superintendent's Message

It is hard to believe we have just completed the first quarter of the 2021-2022 school year! The students have settled into a routine and we are thankful every day to have everyone back on campus! COVID certainly hasn't gone away, however, our on campus number of cases has dropped significantly since early fall.

This fall, due to COVID, we had to have the annual Greenlawn Veterans Day celebration outside in a "drive-thru" format. Mrs. Henderson and the Greenlawn staff and students did an outstanding job as Veterans drove around the school circle and received breakfast, a gift and numerous cheers and celebration from the students and staff. The morning concluded with all Greenlawn students and staff reciting the Pledge of Allegiance outside prior to re-entering the building. An outstanding morning to celebrate and thank our Veterans. Look for information in the future in regards to a Memorial Day/Veterans celebration with a sit-down meal in the spring.

Bainbridge-Guilford Jr-Sr High School now has a fully implemented Agricultural program. Teacher Emily Anderson is teaching to our B-G students Intro to Agriculture, Animal Science, Dairy Science and Agro ecology/Conservation. We are very excited to have this program off the ground and running. More information on coming Agricultural events will be in future Blue and White issues.

As we move into the winter athletic season, which starts for most sports on November 15th, please take some time to see the MPR gymnasium renovations. We are proud to present a new floor, new paint, new wall mats and brand new bleachers! This has been a long process but the results speak for themselves. We hope to see you at a winter sporting event!

School budget season is upon us and the district will spend the next 4 months preparing a fiscally responsible budget to present to the Board of Education in April, and the Bainbridge-Guilford communities in May. Board of Education meetings in January, February, March and April will all feature school budget presentations.

Mr. Scott Graham, our Jr-Sr HS assistant principal, has taken a job as the new Norwich High School Principal. Mr. Graham started at Norwich in the end of November. We wish him well in his new endeavor. The B-G district will be taking the month of December to interview candidates for his replacement. If you are a community member and interested in serving on the interview committee please call the district office at 967-6321.

There will be a virtual "coffee with the superintendent" on Thursday, December 16th at 6:30 p.m. A zoom link will be posted on the school website prior to that evening. I look forward to hearing all of your ideas and thoughts on the B-G district.

My door is always open or you can email me at tryan@bgcsd.org.

—Timothy R. Ryan, Superintendent of Schools



A Fond Farewell to Mr. Scott Graham!

Mr. Graham, Assistant Jr-Sr High School Principal, has accepted a position as the Norwich High School Principal starting November 24. We wish him great success as he goes from being a *Bobcat* to becoming a *Purple Tornado*. Thanks for your dedicated years of service to the students and staff of the Bainbridge-Guilford community!

Good Luck at Norwich!

A Message from the Jr.-Sr. High School Principal

It has been great to have all our students back to school. Though we continue to battle the pandemic and require everyone to wear masks while inside, we have returned to nearly all of the activities and opportunities we normally offer our students. All sports are being offered, we are planning to have in-person concerts this year, and have returned to offering enrichment opportunities during period 11. Some of our period 11 enrichment activities include: Sr. High Intramurals, Jr. High Intramurals, Art Enrichment, Agriculture and FFA Club, Trivia Club, and Guitar Ensemble.

One area of disappointment that is prevalent with students in all grades is a higher than normal amount of misbehavior and vandalism. It seems that with students being out of school for most of last year, some students are struggling to return to school with appropriate behaviors. Some misbehaviors we are seeing are disrespect, an unwillingness to do schoolwork and disrupting classes. Additionally, we have experienced a great deal of vandalism to our bathrooms. We are also concerned with some students having chronic absenteeism. Though we are working hard to address all of these inappropriate behaviors, we ask that all parents and guardians speak to your children about the need to be respectful of all students and staff, attend school every day that a student is healthy, do their best in every class and on every assignment, and to value the building and school materials supplied to them.

We appreciate your help and support in making the Bainbridge-Guilford Jr.-Sr. High School the best and safest place for our students to learn.

Food Drive!

Donations of canned and boxed goods will be collected at each building until December 17, 2021.

Automated Phone Calls and Texts

Calls for important announcements and closings will be generated by the phone numbers provided for your students. To receive text messages, text "YES" to 67587 from a phone that is registered in PowerSchool. Please keep your contact information current!

Local Media Broadcasting Emergency Closing Information

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CHECK THE WEBSITE BGCSD.ORG FOR
ANNOUNCEMENTS!

*Athletic Schedules are available on the
BG Website on the Athletics Page.*

Virtual "Coffee" with the Superintendent!

December 16, 2021
at 6:00 p.m. via ZOOM.
Link will be posted on the
website, www.bgcds.org.



School Budget Information!

Budget season has begun here at Bainbridge-Guilford. If you are interested in hearing and learning more about the different areas of the 2022-2023 school budget, information will be presented at each of the Board meetings for the next few months.

We welcome any community members who would like to join us as we move through the various areas of the budget working towards a final spending plan to present to taxpayers for vote in May. We hope to see you there!

BELOW IS THE SCHEDULE OF THE BUDGET PRESENTATIONS

- January 6—Athletics
- January 20—Transportation & Facilities
- February 3—Special Education
- February 17—Tax Cap Review
- March 3—BOCES Services
- March 17—Budget Progress Update

BUDGET TIMELINE

- April 7—Board of Education Adopts the 2022-23 School Budget
- April 18—School Board Candidate Nominating Petitions are due in the District Office by 5:00 p.m.
- May 3—Budget Brochure mailed to District Residents
- May 10—Voter Registration
Bainbridge Residents: Greenlawn Elementary School
Guilford Residents: Guilford Elementary School
- May 10—Public Budget Hearing—place TBD
- May 17—District Residents vote on the proposed budget
Bainbridge Residents: Greenlawn Elementary
Guilford Residents: Guilford Elementary

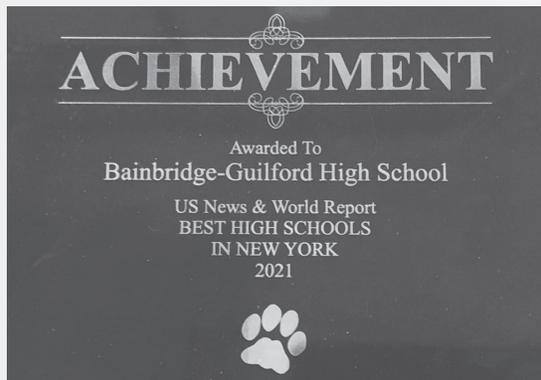
Senior Honor Society

Senior Honor Society has been active this fall. In October, we worked with former B-G teacher Christine Cumming of the Jericho Garden Club to plant daffodil bulbs by the I-88 ramp to help beautify our town. On November 8, Honor Society students also hosted a Red Cross Blood Drive that went very well. We collected 27 units of blood, which will benefit about 81 hospital patients in our area. Thank you to all the students, faculty/staff, and members of the community for your donations and making this achievement possible. Currently, we are revamping the Bobcat Boutique at the high school and will be having a concession stand at the BGTA Craft Fair in December.

Fundraisers 2021-22

Date	Group	Event
Nov. 22- Dec. 10	Grade 10	Gertrude Hawk Candy bars
Dec. 4	Yearbook	Pancake Breakfast
Jan. 10-21	Grade 12	Cookie dough
Jan. 11	Grade 11	TBA
Feb. 1-11	Grade 9	Gertrude Hawk Candy
Feb. 7-17	Grade 12	Krispy Kreme
Mar. 7-11	Grade 7	Cookie dough
Mar. 9	Grade 11	Chicken Biscuit Dinner
Mar. 22- Apr. 1	Sr. Honor Society	TBA
Apr. 8-28	Grade 10	Krispy Kreme
May 5-13	Jr. Honor Society	Gertrude Hawk Candy bars
June 11	Yearbook	Pancake Breakfast

BAINBRIDGE-GUILFORD HIGH SCHOOL "ONE OF THE BEST" ACCORDING TO US NEWS & WORLD REPORT 2021 RANKING



The Bainbridge-Guilford High School is ranked 208th within New York. There are 1,520 public schools in NY State. With this ranking, B-G is in the top 13 percent! Students have the opportunity to take Advanced Placement coursework, exams and graduate from BG with an Associate's Degree from Tompkins Cortland Community College. Graduation rate is 93%. Thanks to all who have made this possible—a supportive community, conscientious parents, devoted and professional staff! Well done Bobcats!

B-G HONORED AS BUSINESS OF DISTINCTION

Many thanks to the Bainbridge Chamber of Commerce for honoring the B-G School District as the Business of Distinction for 2021. We truly appreciate the support of the community during this past year!

congratulations!

*Bainbridge-Guilford
Elementary School*

ANGEL TREE

Once again Nana's Keepsakes is participating in this wonderful community event. Stop by our store and adopt an angel this holiday season, make a child's Christmas special

Tags have arrived - help us fill some holiday wishes.

Nana's Keepsakes LLC
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Holiday Hours: Wed.-Fri. 10 am - 5 pm
Sat. 9 am - 3 pm

January Regents Exam Notification

The January Regents examinations will be given at the Jr.-Sr. High School on the following dates January 25-28.

Only High School BOCES students and High School students grades 9 through 12 who are scheduled for Regents exams or local final exams need to report to school. Buses will run on the normal schedule. Grades 7 and 8 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 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.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 25

8:00 a.m.—English (ELA)

12:00 p.m.—Living Environment

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26

8:00 a.m.—Algebra 1; Physics

12:00 p.m.—Geometry

THURSDAY, JANUARY 27

8:00 a.m.—Global History & Geography II

12:00 p.m.—Algebra 2

FRIDAY, JANUARY 28

8:00 a.m.—Spanish Regional Regents; Earth Science; Chemistry

Jr. High School Guidance Corner

2021-2022 NYS TESTING SCHEDULE

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

7th Grade Testing

March 29-30, 2022New York State ELA TEST

April 26-27, 2022New York State Math TEST

8th Grade Testing

March 29-30, 2022New York State ELA TEST

April 26-27, 2022New York State Math TEST

May 25-26, 2022NYS Science..... Performance Test

June 6, 2022NYS 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.

Social Emotional-Learning & Counseling at Greenlawn

We have been learning about kindness, inclusion, preventing bullying, coping strategies, and balancing wellness (physical, mental/emotional, and social health) in the last few months. Students are working very hard on making sure they are respectful to themselves, their classmates, and the adults in their lives. I have loved being able to get to know ALL of the students at Greenlawn this year.

As we enter the holiday season, Student Council members and Greenlawn students will be working on helping those who have needs in our community by sponsoring a food drive and a clothing drive for the Bobcat Boutique. We will be focusing our learning on generosity, gratitude, and managing emotions during a stressful season.

Please reach out if your family has any needs throughout the holiday season to Phylicia Dunham at pdunham@bgcsd.org or 607-967-6347.



2nd, 3rd, and Multiage classes were able to try lots of different coping strategies in centers.

The sensory basket was a big favorite!

BMI Survey 2021 - 2022 School Year

As part of a required school health examination, a student is weighed, and his/her height is measured. These numbers are used to figure out the student's body mass index or 'BMI'. The BMI helps the doctor or nurse know if the student's weight is in a healthy range or is too high or too low. Recent changes to the New York State Education Law require that BMI and weight status group be included as part of the student's school health examination. A sample of school districts will be selected to take part in a survey by the New York State Department of Health. If our school is selected to be part of the survey, we will be reporting to New York State Department of Health information about our students' weight status groups. Only summary information is sent. No names and no information about individual students are sent. However, you may choose to have your child's information excluded from this survey report.

The information sent to the New York State Department of Health will help health officials develop programs that make it easier for children to be healthier.

If you do not wish to have your child's weight status group information included as part of the Health Department's survey this year, please print and sign your name below and return this form to:

Lori Pike, RN Guilford
Kelly Cirigliano, RN Greenlawn
Heather Amatuccio, RN Jr/Sr High School

Please do not include my child's weight status information in the **2021-2022** School Survey.

Print Child's Name

Date

Print Parent's Name

Parent's Signature

06/02/2020

U.S. Fire Administration Winter Fires

Safety Tips for the Home

The high cost of home heating fuels and utilities have caused many Americans to search for alternate sources of home heating. The use of woodburning stoves and space heaters are selling rapidly, or coming out of storage. Fireplaces are burning wood and manmade logs.

All these methods of heating may be acceptable. They are, however, a major contributing factor in residential fires. Many of these fires can be prevented. The following fire safety tips can help you maintain a fire safe home this winter.

Kerosene Heaters

- ✗ Be sure that kerosene heaters are legal in your area.
- ✗ Be sure your heater is in good working condition. Inspect exhaust parts for carbon buildup. Be sure the heater has an emergency shut off in case the heater is tipped over.
- ✗ Never use fuel burning appliances without proper room venting. Burning fuel (coal, kerosene, or propane, for example) can produce deadly fumes.
- ✗ Keep kerosene, or other flammable liquids stored in approved metal containers, in well ventilated storage areas, outside of the house.
- ✗ Use ONLY the fuel recommended by the heater manufacturer. NEVER introduce a fuel into a unit not designed for that type fuel.
- ✗ Never fill the heater while it is operating or hot. When refueling an oil or kerosene unit, avoid overfilling.
- ✗ Refueling should be done outside of the home (or outdoors). Keep young children away from space heaters—especially when they are wearing night gowns or other loose clothing that can be easily ignited.

Furnace Heating

- ✗ It is important that you have your furnace inspected to ensure that it is in good working condition.
- ✗ Be sure all furnace controls and emergency shutoffs are in proper working condition.
- ✗ Leave furnace repairs to qualified specialists. Do not attempt repairs yourself unless you are qualified. Inspect the walls and ceiling near the furnace and along the chimney line. If the wall is hot or discolored, additional pipe insulation or clearance may be required.
- ✗ Check the flue pipe and pipe seams. Are they well supported and free of holes and cracks? Soot along or around seams may be an indicator of a leak.
- ✗ Is the chimney solid, with cracks or loose bricks? All unused flue openings should be sealed with solid masonry.
- ✗ Keep trash and other combustibles away from the heating system.

Finally...

- ✗ Be sure every level of your home has a working smoke alarm, and be sure to check and clean it on a monthly basis.
- ✗ Plan and practice a home escape plan with your family.
- ✗ Contact your local fire department for advice if you have a question on home fire safety.

Wood Stoves and Fireplaces

Wood stoves and fireplaces are becoming a very common heat source in homes. Careful attention to safety can minimize their fire hazard.

To use them safely:

- ✗ Be sure the fireplace or stove is installed properly. Wood stoves should have adequate clearance (36") from combustible surfaces and proper floor support and protection.
- ✗ Have the chimney inspected annually and cleaned if necessary, especially if it has not been used for some time.
- ✗ Do not use flammable liquids to start or accelerate any fire.
- ✗ Keep a glass or metal screen in front of the fireplace opening, to prevent embers or sparks from jumping out, unwanted material from going in, and help prevent the possibility of burns to occupants.
- ✗ The stove should be burned hot twice a day for 15-30 minutes to reduce the amount of creosote buildup.
- ✗ Don't use excessive amounts of paper to build roaring fires in fireplaces. It is possible to ignite creosote in the chimney by overbuilding the fire.
- ✗ Never burn charcoal indoors. Burning charcoal can give off lethal amounts of carbon monoxide.
- ✗ Keep flammable materials away from your fireplace mantel. A spark from the fireplace could easily ignite these materials.
- ✗ Before you go to sleep, be sure your fireplace fire is out. NEVER close your damper with hot ashes in the fireplace. A closed damper will help the fire to heat up again and will force toxic carbon monoxide into the house.

Other Fire Safety Tips

- ✗ Never discard hot ashes inside or near the home. Place them in a metal container outside and well away from the house.
- ✗ Never use a range or an oven as a supplemental heating device. Not only is it a safety hazard, it can be a source of potentially toxic fumes.
- ✗ If you use an electric heater, be sure not to overload the circuit. Only use extension cords which have the necessary rating to carry an amp load. TIP: Choose an extension cord the same size or larger than the appliance electrical cord.
- ✗ Avoid using electrical space heaters in bathrooms or other areas where they may come in contact with water.
- ✗ Frozen water pipes? Never try to thaw them with a blow torch or other open flame, otherwise the pipe could conduct the heat and ignite the wall structure inside the wall space. Use hot water or a laboratory tested device such as a hand held dryer for thawing.
- ✗ If windows are used as emergency exits in your home, practice using them in the event fire should strike. Be sure that all the windows open easily. Home escape ladders are recommended.
- ✗ If there is a fire hydrant near your home you can assist the fire department by keeping the hydrant clear of snow so in the event it is needed, it can be located.



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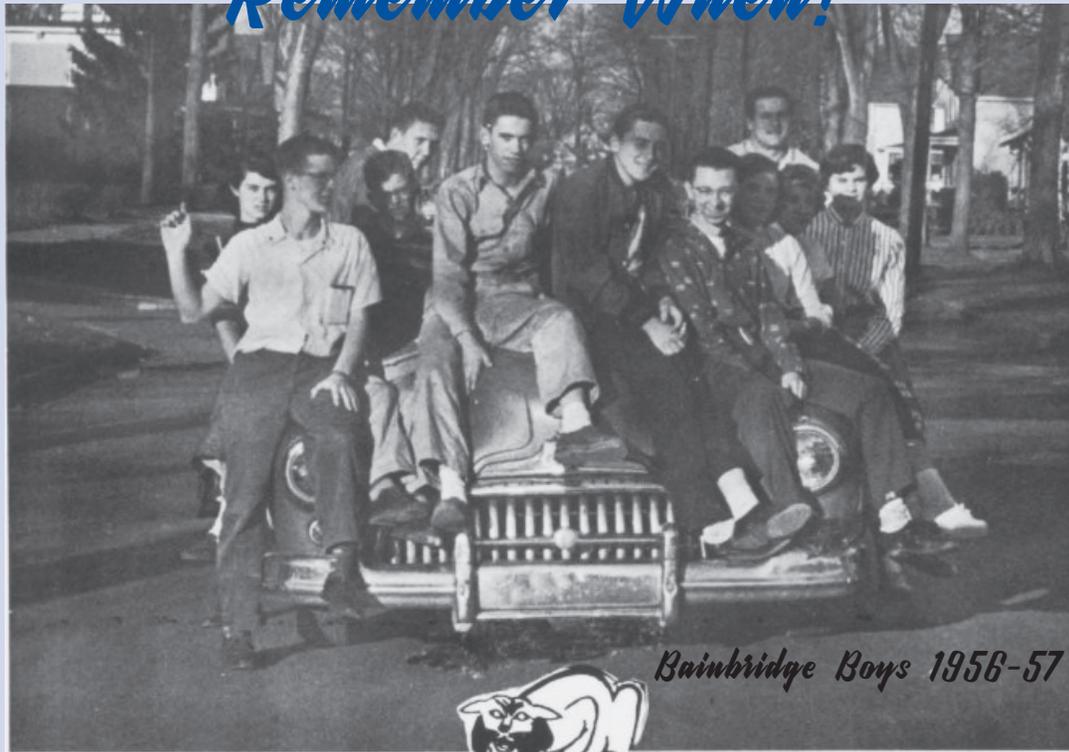


PAWS

The “Pawsitively Awesome Wonderful Student” team added two Bobcat cheerleaders to our line up! We celebrated student personal goals, birthdays, and number club successes both virtually and mini assemblies in classrooms this year! Way to go Bobkittens! Keep up the good work!



Remember When?



Bainbridge Boys 1956-57



Guilford Elementary News

POLLINATOR GARDEN DEDICATION!

The Guilford school dedicated its pollinator garden on a crisp November afternoon.

First graders interviewed the garden benefactor, Miss Sharon Hager to learn what a pollinator garden is, what it does and how it helps our world. The first graders then showed pictures of animals and insects found in a pollinator garden. Kindergarteners created art flowers to show what flowers were in our garden! The whole school sang a song about pollination and then Miss Sharon presented our school library with some garden stories! A perfect way to dedicate a special project!



Books donated



Miss Sharon is interviewed



Pollinators found in garden



FIRE SAFETY



Firestation first grade



Students viewing firetruck



Ambulance



1st grade firesafety craft



Firefighter with students



Firetrucks visit Guilford

SPIRIT WEEK: "TWINNING"



Guilford Elementary News

FALL PARADE





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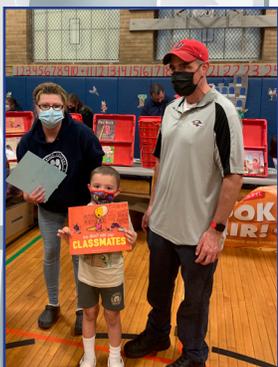
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