



# Bainbridge-Guilford Central School District

# The Blue and White

# School News & Notes

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## Thanks for the Donation!

The Southern Tier Chapter of the Nam Knights MC, in partnership with Ioxus and XS Power Batteries, have teamed up to donate 4,000 disposable masks to districts in Delaware and Chenango County. The Nam Knights are a charitable organization that supports veterans, law enforcement, their families, and communities. During the COVID-19 pandemic, they realized that many children need masks or may need replacement masks. After supplying all 12 school districts in Delaware County, they have expanded their donations to some districts in Chenango County. Many thanks for your kind donation!



*Thank you!*

## From the Superintendent

Happy Holidays from everyone at BG! It is hard to believe the holiday season is upon us. While this year, things might be a bit different than holidays of the past, please take some time to share the season safely with your loved ones.

After four years of hard work and construction, the BG Capital Improvement Project is complete! The final pieces to be completed were the front doors of the Jr-Sr HS and the side entrances to the business office and the district office. Once we have moved beyond the restrictions of the COVID pandemic, we look forward to showing off all the improvements.

I am pleased to announce we are in the second quarter of the school year. On Monday, November 9, we had 51 students return to campus to participate in the “hybrid model.” These were students who had originally selected the fully virtual option in the beginning of the school year. We are excited to have them back on campus. Every 10 weeks during the school year, the district will assess if we are able to bring more students back to campus, and possibly bring students back more frequently. The biggest limiting factor in this is our limit on available space to make sure we are following the social distancing guidelines. Our BG custodial staff is doing an outstanding job at keeping our buildings clean and safe for our students and staff. A huge thank you to all of them!

We are continuing to discuss our ability to deliver meals to students’ homes like we did up until November 4. We will continue to see if we can return to meal delivery, but for the months of November and December curbside pick-up will continue.

Please remember that it is important to complete the student health screen every morning for each student. We are continuing to streamline this process to make it as easy and fast as possible for parents and students. Thank you to all our families for your flexibility during these difficult COVID times.

My virtual “coffee with the community” will continue throughout the year. I am pleased to have had 120 participants in my coffee in late September. I feel these are a great way to keep in communication with the BG community.

Please have a safe holiday season. As always, if you have any questions, suggestions or concerns, please don’t hesitate to call me at school at 967-6321 or email me at [tryan@bgcsd.org](mailto:tryan@bgcsd.org).

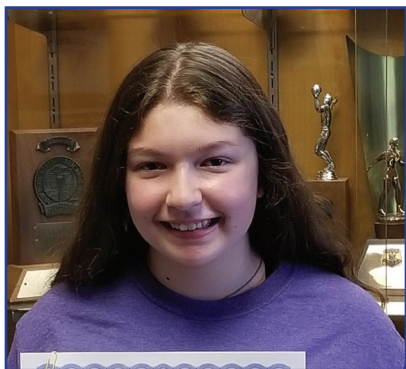
Sincerely,  
*Timothy Ryan*  
Superintendent of Schools



# JR-SR HIGH SCHOOL "STUDENTS OF THE MONTH"

BAINBRIDGE-GUILFORD JR-SR HIGH SCHOOL IS PROUD TO ANNOUNCE OUR STUDENTS OF THE MONTH FOR SEPTEMBER

## 7TH GRADE



**Kaylin Furgason**

## 8TH GRADE



**Clare Sullivan**

## 9TH GRADE



**Brianna Bartow**

## 10TH GRADE



**Seamus Nolan**

## 11TH GRADE



**Donna Palmatier**

## 12TH GRADE



**Brandon Loucks**

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

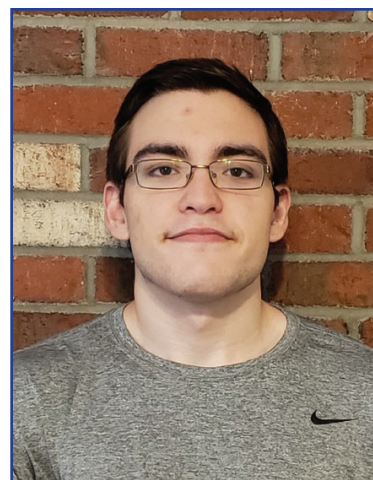
*To be eligible for this honor, students must be passing all subjects, demonstrate consistent kindness to others, be actively involved in school or community activities, show pride in the school and community and be an upstanding student in all aspects. We would like to congratulate these students for their hard work and effort to be both good students and good citizens!*

## B-G MUSIC STUDENT SELECTED TO ALL-STATE

Cody Buchman, a senior violinist, has been selected to represent Bainbridge-Guilford this year at the 2020 New York State School Music Association All-State Winter Conference. To reach this level, Cody received high marks on a level six adjudicated solo for the past several years. The Conference, normally at the end of the year, features top high school music students from throughout New York State. Cody was selected to participate with the Symphony Orchestra. Due to COVID, the conference will not be held but will feature a virtual experience for the students.

Cody, who is a member of all of the B-G music ensembles, has also been a member of the Binghamton Youth Symphony, Little Delaware Youth Ensemble, Hartwick Jazz Ensemble, and performs with his brother in the instrumental duo 'Searching for Meaning'. Together they have performed at area events and for children with disabilities. They have also recorded three albums which are available on Spotify and IHeart Radio. Cody will be graduating early and attending Hartwick College in the Spring.

Congratulations to Cody for his selection and participation in this exclusive event.



**Cody Buchman**



## Local Media Broadcasting Emergency Closing Information

### RADIO

Sidney WCDO FM 101  
WCDO AM 1490

Norwich & Oneonta  
Central Radio Group WKXZ FM 94  
WCHN AM 97  
WBKT FM 95.3  
WZOZ FM 103.1  
WSRK FM 103.9  
WDOS AM 730

Binghamton  
WNBF Affiliates WAAL FM 99  
WKOP AM 1360  
WHWK FM 98  
WNBF AM 1290

iHeart Media KGB FM 92.5  
MIX FM 103.3  
FOX Sports AM 1430  
NEW COUNTRY B FM 107.5  
NOW FM 105.7  
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channel specifications*  
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WICZ—FOX  
WBGH—NBC  
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[www.wbng.com](http://www.wbng.com)  
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**CHECK THE WEBSITE [BGCSD.ORG](http://bgcsd.org) FOR  
ANNOUNCEMENTS!**



Please join Superintendent Tim Ryan for a virtual informal meeting on January 5, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. to answer questions about the school district. ZOOM invite information can be found on the home page of the District website, [bgcsd.org](http://bgcsd.org). If you can't attend, please do not hesitate to send your questions to Mr. Ryan at [tryan@bgcsd.org](mailto:tryan@bgcsd.org) or by USPS to Timothy Ryan, 18 Juliand Street, Bainbridge, NY 13733.

## State Education Department Launches Parent Dashboard

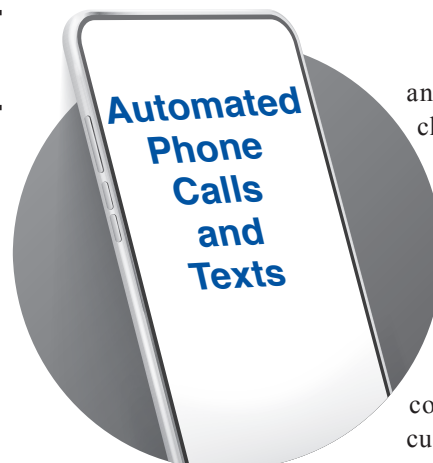
A Parent Dashboard is now available on the website of the State Education Department. The link for this information can be found on the [bgcsd.org](http://bgcsd.org) website under Parents/Students – NYSED News. Check it out!

## Meal Pick-Up Schedule Change!

Due to the Holiday, Meal Pick-Up will be on Tuesday, December 22 from 11:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. at Greenlawn and 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. in Guilford.

***Please Remember You Must Sign-Up To Pick-Up!***

Call 967-6331 or email [breigles@bgcsd.org](mailto:breigles@bgcsd.org) to put your name on the list!



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. Please keep your contact information current!

## Important Dates!

Elementary Trimester Ends .....	12/4/2020
Elementary Report Cards .....	12/11/2020
Jr.-Sr. HS End 20 Week Marking Period .....	1/29/2021
Jr.-Sr. Report Cards .....	2/5/2021
Elementary Trimester Ends .....	3/12/2021
Elementary Report Cards .....	3/19/2021
Jr.-Sr. HS End 30 Week Marking Period .....	4/13/2021
Jr.-Sr. Report Cards .....	4/21/2021
Elementary Trimester Ends/Report Cards .....	6/25/2021
Last Day of School For Elementary Students— Full Day .....	6/25/2021
Last Day of School for Jr.-Sr. High School .....	6/15/2021
Jr.-Sr. HS Report Cards .....	6/30/2021



## PowerSchool Bainbridge-Guilford Daily Health Screening

In order to keep every student and staff member safe and maintain state-mandated attendance, we are asking that families complete the Powerschool Student Health Check-In every day of possible attendance, including Wednesdays.

Some quick-start instructions:

1. The first step is to go to our Bainbridge-Guilford Website [bgcsd.org](http://bgcsd.org) through a browser, like Google Chrome. This is not intended to be done on a mobile device, but some people get lucky and it works on their phones. Generally, it is not intended to work on a phone.
2. We have set-up our website with 4 ways to access the Powerschool Parent Portal. You must be in the Parent Portal to complete the form. It is not set up for students to complete.
  - Quick links
  - Find-it-fast button
  - Announcements
  - Parents/Students
3. If you don't already have an account set-up, please go to CREATE AN ACCOUNT and do that. If you need access codes, please email me at [sgraham@bgcsd.org](mailto:sgraham@bgcsd.org) or call 967-6300 and we will email them to you.
4. Once your account is set-up and you're signed-in, click on FORMS on the left hand side.
5. Then, click on the Covid-19 Student Health Check-In and answer the 4 questions. You will then have to consent to a signature and sign your name.
6. Please do this every day before your student comes to school. Also, please complete this every day by 8:30 am if your student is learning remotely that day. This includes Wednesdays, as this is an expected day of attendance.

Again, if you have trouble accessing the Student Health Check-in, please email me at [sgraham@bgcsd.org](mailto:sgraham@bgcsd.org) or call 967-6300 and will help you with the form. Have a great day!

## Daily Student Health Screening!

We are asking all families to do the daily Student Health Check-in Form through the Powerschool Parent Portal before students come to school or by 8:30 a.m for remote learners. Directions for this can be found on our website under the Technology department. The link to the Powerschool Parent Portal can be found quickly under FIND IT FAST or QUICK LINKS. Remember, the Powerschool form MUST be used through an internet browser (for example, GOOGLE CHROME or SAFARI) and is not available on the mobile app. It is our intention to be able to use this form as daily attendance for all students, whether they are hybrid or fully remote.

Again, EVERY student should have the form completed EVERY day, meaning every school attendance day, which includes Wednesdays. Students coming to campus need to complete it before coming to school and students learning remotely need to complete it by 8:30 a.m. If you have any questions regarding the Powerschool Student Health Check-in form, please call 967-6300 or email [sgraham@bgcsd.org](mailto:sgraham@bgcsd.org). Thank you!



## Junior Honor Society News

The Virginia Butler Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society selected 21 new members in the 2019-2020 school year. The students were selected based on their scholarship, leadership, character, service and citizenship. The new members are: **Jose Bivar, Brianna Bartow, Maddie Blake, Macaela Burns, Brendan DeForest, Ethne Degan** (President), **Alyssa Finch** (Secretary), **Madalynn Gaias, Nathan Goodrich, Levi Gregory, Sophia Grigoli, Giovanni Johnson, Isabelle Johnson, Kevin Lang, Cadence Medlar, Sakeena Meghani, Easton Porter, Julian Pruskowski** (Vice President), **Sage Pruskowski** (treasurer), **Lyndsay Shirkey** and **Cooper Sienko**.

Due to the pandemic, a formal induction ceremony has not yet been held, but a virtual induction ceremony is being planned to honor their accomplishment. In their first group service project, the students created over 35 thank you cards that were delivered to the Oxford Vet's Home and distributed on Veteran's Day.



*Brianna Bartow, Maddie Blake and Sophia Grigoli hold a few of the cards the Junior Honor Society made for the Oxford Vet's Home.*

## Important News Regarding January Regents Exams

On November 5, 2020 the New York State Education Department released a memorandum to schools announcing the cancellation of the January 2021 administration of the NYS High School Regents Exams due to the ongoing pandemic. In order to qualify for an exemption, students must meet one of the three following requirements:

- Be currently enrolled in a class that would normally culminate in a January Regents Exam and earn credit for (pass) the class; or,
- Between September 1, 2020 and the end of the first semester, successfully complete a make-up program for

## Jr. High School Guidance Corner

### 2020-2021 NEW YORK STATE TESTING SCHEDULE

The New York State Education Department has not made a decision regarding state testing for grades 7 and 8. The tentative dates are:

#### 7TH GRADE TESTING

April 19–26, 2021 ..... New York State ELA TEST  
May 3–10, 2021 ..... New York State Math TEST

#### 8TH GRADE TESTING

April 19–26, 2021 ..... New York State ELA TEST  
May 3–10, 2021 ..... New York State Math TEST  
May 25–June 4, 2021 ..... NYS Science—Performance Test  
June 7, 2021 ..... NYS Science—Written Test

You will be informed when the State makes a final determination regarding State Tests.

If you have any questions please contact Joanne Moxley, School Social Worker/Counselor at 967-6320.

## NEW Schedule for Regents Week!

With the cancellation of the January Regents Exams, January 26-29, those four days will change to the following:

Tuesday, January 26th – Students will attend in person only if they need to make-up or redo work. Students and their parents will be notified by their teachers or school counselor if they need to attend in person. Some teachers will continue to hold their normal classes but will do so via Zoom. Students who attend CTE or Special Education Classes will continue as normal.

- Wednesday, January 27—Only students who normally attend a CTE Class or Special Education Class in person on Wednesdays will attend. Some teachers will continue to hold their normal classes but will do so via Zoom.
- Thursday, January 28—Same as Tuesday, January 26.
- Friday, January 29—Same as Tuesday, January 26.

the purpose of earning course credit. For B-G, this would most likely be in the form of credit recovery; or,

- Be preparing to take a required Regents Exam in order to graduate at the end of the first semester of the 2020-2021 school year.

At this point in time, the New York State Education Department has not yet made decisions regarding the June and August 2021 administrations of Regents Exams or any of the other State assessment programs.

If you have questions, please contact your child's School Counselor at 967-6320.



## 2020 Academic Awards Celebrated!

Each year students in grades 7-12 are recognized for earning honor roll (an average of 85 or higher) three out of three quarters. Last spring, due to the pandemic, these students were unable to be recognized in our traditional Academic Awards Ceremony. In order to honor them for such an outstanding accomplishment, students meeting the criteria for the 2019-2020 school year were acknowledged at lunch during the week of November 2. Students received certificates along with their Honor's letter or pin. Our June 2020 graduates meeting the criteria received their accolades by mail. Again, we are very proud of the students earning this impressive accomplishment! Congratulations go to the following Academic Award recipients:

### 7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

Trevor Bachman  
Loegan Bailey  
Nevan Baker  
Zachary Bartow  
Lillian Beam  
Emma Beames  
Chandler Benjamin  
Ryan Blackman  
Connor Borowski  
Vanessa Brazee  
Elliott Briggs  
Kaydence Brimmer  
Ellie Brown  
Samuel Davidson  
Dylan Easton  
Zackary Emerson  
Owen Fleming  
Jamila George  
Corbin Germond  
Olivia Hall  
Jocelynn Hulbert  
Logan Hunter  
Violet Jones  
Emily Kingsbury  
Timothy Kinter  
Michael Lipani  
Declyn Marshfield  
Rahim Meghani  
Fiona Murray  
Sophia Nelson  
Madisyn Oakes  
Anthony Pfaff  
Mia Pfaff  
Brock Porter  
Blake Prisco  
Enoche Mitchell Ross  
Stephanie Sanford-Holmes  
Anna Seymour  
Kaiden Seymour  
Emily Sprow  
Clare Sullivan  
Erinne Sullivan

Blake Tuttel  
Gabriel Walley  
Jaedan Walling  
Gabriel Weissflog

### 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

Annika Armstrong  
Brianna Bartow  
Maddie Blake  
Madalyn Brown  
Macaela Burns  
Lindsey Chambers  
Gabriella Cuzzo  
Brendan DeForest  
Ethne Degan  
Collin Dicks  
Joseph Doyle  
Cohn Foster  
Madalynn Gaias  
Gavin Gifford  
Nathan Goodrich  
Levi Gregory  
Sophia Grigoli  
JoshLynn Hall  
Johnna Henderson  
William Hunter  
Noah Janinda  
Giovanni Johnson  
Isabelle Johnson  
Nathan Kanzer  
Theron Kiesinger  
Kevin Lang  
James Leo  
Alaina Maxson  
Lukas McKown  
Nickolas McKown  
Osias Mealing  
Cadence Medlar  
Sakeena Meghani  
Makayla Nelson  
Olivia Nichols  
Easton Porter  
Julian Pruskowski

Sage Pruskowski  
Aliana Reyes  
Jeremiah Rowe  
Lyndsay Shirkey  
Cooper Sienko  
Arashdeep Singh

### 9<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

Hayley Baker  
Celeste Baldwin  
Marklee Bartle Hughes  
Jose Bivar  
Lainelle Brazee  
Caleb Brimmer  
Mason Brownell  
Joseph Cannistra  
Lucas Carlin  
Kaitlyn Curtis  
Lillyann Finch  
Tara Fitzgerald  
Catherine Fuller  
Ketcher Graham  
Nolan Hawkins  
Cassandra Koster  
Anthony Ladd  
Autumn Loucks  
Karim Meghani  
Ian Mineo  
Cameryn Northrop  
Eden Oefelein  
Garrett O'Hara  
Maxwell Oliver  
Donna Palmatier  
Jordyn Parsons  
Marek Rajner  
Konnor Schmidt  
Caleb Smith  
Trent Sullivan  
Mackenzie Terebo  
Connor Vredenburgh  
Ilias Wilson  
Hailey Youngblood

### 10<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

Matika Bartle Hughes  
Nolan Burns  
Savannah Carlin  
Kira Davidson  
Owen Drown  
Reese Elwood  
Kayden Gombach  
Ethan Gregory  
Anthonylouis Grigoli  
Riley Hurlburt  
Lance Jones  
Autumn Madugno  
Aidan Manzer  
Seamus Nolan  
Brayton Northrup  
Trenton Reynolds  
Haley Ross  
John-Robert Rowe  
Christian Seymour  
Summer Wasiura  
Kaylee Williams  
Abigail Wombacker

### 11<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

Thomas Auer  
Edward Barber Jr.  
Bree Barber  
MacKenzie Barton  
Carson Benjamin  
Alexis Brown  
Cody Buchman  
Sara Cannistra  
Makenna Clark  
Dustin Collier  
Abbey Delello  
Justin Dibble  
Tanner Eckert  
Jonathan England  
Damien Farberman  
Lisa Gao  
Garrett Ives  
Matthew Kanzer

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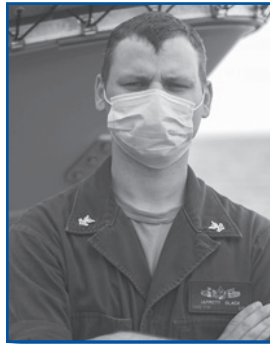
*Academic Awards, cont.*

Sasha Lamoree  
Thomas Lord  
Brandon Loucks  
Ashley Matthews  
Nicole McKay  
Tamera Miller  
Omar Mohamed  
Eric Nowak  
Carlene Palmer  
Taylor Parsons  
Josephine Porter  
Ryan Porter  
Caleb Presley  
Michaela Roach  
Katrien Roefs  
Trevor Ross  
Erica Selfridge  
Emmalynne Sherman  
Trent Thornton  
Owen Walley  
Daniel Warner

**12TH GRADE**

Justin Butts  
NinaJo Capobianco  
Samantha Ceresna  
Makenna Cole  
Brienna Collingwood  
Cameron Craver  
McKenna Edwards  
Courtney Gilbert  
Bailey Hart  
Shelby Haynes  
Nathaniel Henry  
Victoria Henry  
Colby Hotaling  
Zachary Ladd  
Macie Leizear  
Alli Miller  
Cheyenne Northrop  
Tracy O'Connor  
Jadyn Olcott  
Mariah Olcott  
Kaitlyn Parry  
Aliya Pickens  
Gabriel Sherman  
Samantha Sherman  
Hannah Spencer  
Hannah Sprow  
Ivy Sullivan  
Lauren Womelsdorf

## “Mighty Cole” Remembrance Ceremony



### GUILFORD NATIVE SERVES ABOARD “MIGHTY COLE” DURING REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY

A remembrance ceremony will be conducted at Naval Station Norfolk, Virginia, on Oct. 12, commemorating the 20-year anniversary of the terrorist attack on the USS Cole. The ceremony will honor the 17 shipmates who lost their lives in service to their country.

Petty Officer 2nd Class Jarrett Black, a 2007 Bainbridge-Guilford High School graduate and native of Guilford, New York, is serving aboard USS Cole, a guided-missile destroyer, that was bombed by a suicide attack while being refueled in Yemen’s Aden harbor.

The attack was attributed to al-Qaeda suicide bombers, who sailed a small boat near the destroyer and detonated explosive charges. The blast created a hole in the port side of the ship about 40 feet (12 m) in diameter, killing 17 crew members and injuring 37. Sailors courageously fought fires and flooding for the following 96 hours to keep the ship afloat.

“I didn’t know the history of the ship when I first received my orders,” said Black. “I was shocked when I found about the attack. I was really nervous but also, I knew it was an honor. My father told me that he’s proud of me.”

During the memorial ceremony, a 21-gun salute will be fired and taps played to honor and celebrate the fallen service members. A ceremonial wreath, made by Cole Sailors, will be laid off the port side of the ship in memory of the Cole Heroes. The ceremony will end with a bell toll and reading of the names of the 17 heroes whose lives were sacrificed.

A number of Gold Star families will also be on hand, to offer support and pay tribute to the Cole families, and to recognize and honor those who have lost a son or daughter, husband or wife.

“Serving on board Cole is an honor and a privilege,” said Cmdr. Ted Pledger, commanding officer of USS Cole. “Today’s Determined Warriors work hard to carry on the inspiring legacy of those who went before us.”

Aboard USS Cole, there is the “Hall of Heroes” in a passageway along the mess line leading to a memorial listing the names of those who made the ultimate sacrifice. 17 stars are embedded in the blue-speckled deck, representing the Sailors who walked that hallway over 20 years ago.

“It’s a humbling experience each time I walk down the hall,” said Black. “It makes me appreciate the gold stars and what happened. Our sailors never gave up, and now we have to keep the legacy going.”

Black is a boatswain’s mate responsible for driving and steering the ship and mooring the ship to piers.

“The namesake is well deserved for all of the sacrifices that Sgt. Cole made,” said Black. “We honor and commemorate him for his extraordinary efforts. We’re reminded about our fallen comrades in the ship’s ‘Plan of the Day.’ There are biographies of each sailor who fought so bravely. We will never forget, and learning about them is part of our heritage.”

Cole is named in honor of Marine sergeant Darrell S. Cole, who posthumously received the Medal of Honor for his actions at the Battle for Iwo Jima in February 1945.

Cole’s motto, “Glory is the Reward of Valor,” underscores the spirit of Sgt. Cole for his extraordinary heroism, his unwavering loyalty to his country and his bravery in facing adversity without fear. His valor and sacrifices is a direct representation of the 17 sailors who lost their lives and the crew for their heroic actions to save the ship on that fateful day 20 years ago, and the resolve and warfighting attitude the “Mighty Cole” continues to embrace.

—Rick Burke, Navy Office of Community Outreach



## A message from the Jr.-Sr. High School Principal

As we continue to combat COVID 19 we were recently informed that January Regents Exams have been cancelled. Please refer to the article devoted to the January Regents cancellation for specifics. Simply stated, if we have students in a Regents class who were scheduled to take the Regents in January they will be exempt from that exam as long as they pass the class.

This year we have been fortunate to offer free breakfast and lunch to all our students. However, our breakfast numbers are disappointingly low. With that said we encourage all our students to take advantage of free breakfast. The kitchen is open for breakfast from 7:30 until 8:30 each school day.

Help all of us benefit from the state aid we receive for student attendance by logging in daily to Powerschool Student Health Check-in. It is imperative that you do the Powerschool Student Health Check-In every school day for each child, which includes Wednesdays and remote learning days. If you need help with this please contact Mr. Graham at 607-967-6300 or by email at [sgraham@bgcsd.org](mailto:sgraham@bgcsd.org). Beyond the attendance portion, this helps keep all of us healthy by indicating your child's wellness and determines whether they should come to school. Please continue normal attendance procedures and notify the attendance office of any absence with a phone call, but just as important is following up with a signed note explaining the absence. The signed note is the final piece needed to change an unexcused absence to an excused absence.

From last March through the present, many students are not doing work when they are learning from home. Students need to do their school work and do it well to pass their classes, move on to the next grade and/or graduate from high school. Please check Powerschool to check your child's progress and/or missing assignments. If we can help in any way please contact us at the Main Office (607-967-6323) or at the Guidance Office (607-967-6320).

—William Zakrajsek, Jr-Sr High School Principal

## Fundraisers 2020-21

Date	Group	Event
Nov. 30-Dec. 11	Grade 10	Gertrude Hawk Candy bars
January 4-15	Grade 12	Cookie dough
TBA	PTO	Gertrude Hawk
Feb. 1-12	Grade 9	Gertrude Hawk Candy
Feb. 8-19	Grade 12	Krispy Kreme
March 8-12	Grade 7	TBA
March 10	Grade 11	Chicken Biscuit Dinner
March 15-26	Grade 10	Krispy Kreme
May 17-28	Jr Honor Society	Gertrude Hawk Candy bars

## Guilford Greetings!

As we soon close out 2020, we all are hoping 2021 brings us back to more normalcy and more opportunities for staff and students to be together. The first three months of school this year have proved to be extremely successful in spite of the obstacles we have been facing. Students and staff have done a great job navigating these unfamiliar times. Teachers are collaborating now more than ever to plan appropriate learning activities for both our hybrid and virtual students. Students are engaged in learning, having fun, and progressing well with their skills – a wonderful bright spot during these trying times.

I want to assure parents that we work diligently every day to keep students and staff safe while on campus. We follow our re-opening plan and adhere to all COVID-19 guidance. We continue to ask for your support by completing the daily COVID-19 screener for your children in PowerSchool every day, whether they are on campus or not!

Looking ahead, I would like to remind everyone that Guilford students go outside every day! They enjoy being outside and they need the fresh air. Please help us by making sure children have winter boots and snow gear with them every day.

Our first academic trimester ends in December. We will be holding parent/teacher conferences and sending home report cards before the holiday break. Stay tuned for more information from classroom teachers.

I wish everyone a safe holiday season, with celebrations filled with lots of hand washing, mask wearing, and social distancing.

—Linda Maynard, Principal

## Art Teachers Present at Statewide Conference

B-G art teachers Alyssa Hardy and Colleen Jenkins presented at the New York State Art Teachers' Association (NYSATA) Conference to art teachers from all over the state. This year's conference was held virtually in November.

Hardy and Jenkins spoke about using sketchbooks to build confidence and boost creativity. So often, students focus on big projects and stress themselves out on getting things perfect. But trying new things and making mistakes is a powerful way for students to build problem solving skills. The workshop provided examples of ways to use sketchbooks for warm up, brainstorming, experimentation, and processing information.

## Thank You Veterans!

### GREENLAWN THANKS ALL VETERANS FOR THEIR SERVICE!

The B-G District would like to acknowledge all Veterans in our community. Even though we couldn't celebrate Veterans' Day together this year, we are extremely thankful for your service!

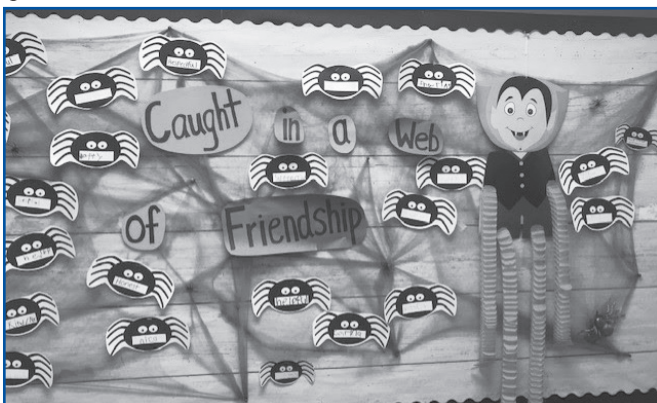


### Greenlawn Elementary School Counseling

Since the beginning of the school year, counselors have been working with students (and adults!) on being kind to everyone and using coping skills to manage our stress during this very weird school year!

All students have access to classroom counseling lessons in their grade's Counseling Google Classroom. Mrs. Fleming posts videos and activities every week in the classroom. Topics have included Coping Skills like deep breathing, coloring, and playing a sport; Self Care, Friendship, Boo to Bullying, Career Exploration, and Gratitude.

We are doing our best to continue doing large and small group counseling with health and safety in mind. Students are adapting well to the new guidelines, and are working hard at being kind and safe. Please contact us with any questions or concerns!



*Web of Friendship—students discussed qualities of a good friend and added them to the bulletin board. Examples: Honest, kind, loyal, helpful.*

## From the Greenlawn Principal

The school year is off to a great start, a little different looking, but filled with cheerful hard-working students and very dedicated faculty and staff!

The custodial staff has been very diligent and working so hard to keep our buildings clean and sanitized. Faculty and staff have continued to follow COVID safety protocols to provide for a healthy learning environment for all. The students have done a great job following social distancing in the classrooms, wearing their masks, and sanitizing throughout the day. It has been an amazing show of team work.

With a combination of virtual and in person instruction, teachers have been very creative and flexible to provide the best educational experience they can during these difficult times. We have finished the first 10 weeks of instruction and now have some of our previous all virtual students back in the building for hybrid instruction. We will be offering that same opportunity for all virtual students to change to hybrid instruction on January 25. If you are interested in making that change to hybrid instruction, please let Greenlawn know prior to January 25.

School pictures were taken a bit differently this year. No class group pictures, but all students were able to have a beautiful picture taken without their masks in a safe manner. It was amazing to see the copies of these pictures and able to see the beautiful smiles without their masks.

As we head into the holiday season, we are finding creative ways to still help our school community with planning the Food Drive and Angel Tree gifts. Everyone at Greenlawn wishes you a very happy and healthy holiday season!

—Jen Henderson, Greenlawn Principal





**DONATIONS ACCEPTED  
UNTIL DECEMBER 9TH!**

# BG Angel Tree Program 2020

**WE STILL PLAN TO PROVIDE JOY AND SUPPORT FOR THE HOLIDAYS!**

This year we will be collecting funds and purchasing gift cards to big box stores in \$50 increments for each elementary-aged child in a family receiving a food basket. We will need about 135 gift cards

If you would like to donate funds or gift cards, please contact the counselors in the elementary buildings or Nana's Keepsakes in Bainbridge.

If purchasing gift cards- please purchase in \$50 increments to easily accessible stores like WalMart, Kohl's, Amazon, Target. You can make monetary donations of any amount to an elementary school counselor.

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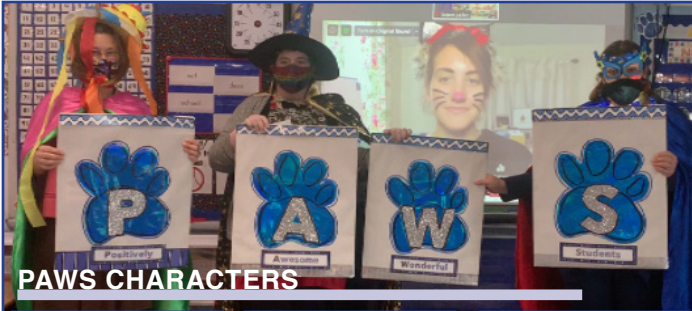
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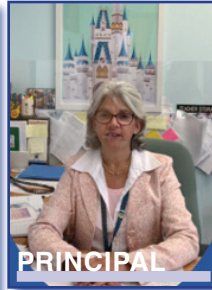
## Guilford Elementary

Our PAWS assembly kicked off "covid style" via zoom for our students and complete with all characters!

### PAWS stands for Pawsitively Awesome Wonderful Students!

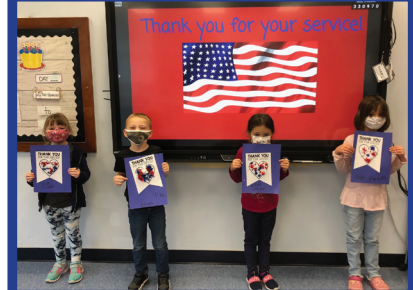


PAWS CHARACTERS



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## Veterans Day Thank-You

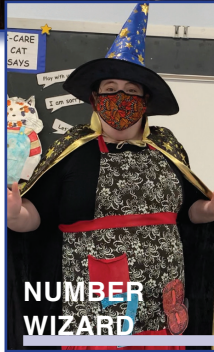


Guilford Bobkittens used their I-Care language and helping hands to color and write thank-you notes to our superhero Veterans! The cards and pictures were delivered to the NYS Veterans Home in Oxford!

*Thank You!*



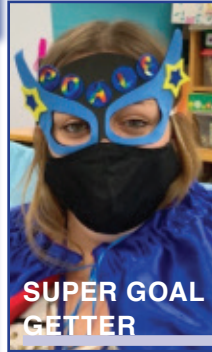
BIRTHDAY  
QUEEN



NUMBER  
WIZARD



BOBKITTEN



SUPER GOAL  
GETTER



### Everyone Counts

First Graders discussed how **EVERYONE** counts during their Bobkitten Counseling classes! They did a great job!

Pre-k learned about "CO-OP-ER-A-TION" with I-Care cat! Ask your pre-k student to say and clap that big word! They used their cooperation skills to make feathers for poor Tom turkey who had none! Look how beautiful Tom is now!



Teamwork Turkey



### Thankful Turkeys

Our kinders shared and made Thankful Turkeys!

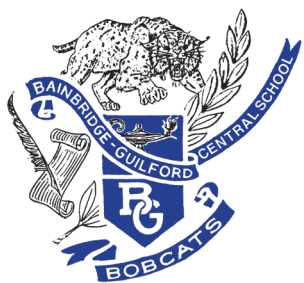


### Sunshine Roll-ups

Guilford bobkittens rolling for joy in the sun!







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## Exploring the Wetlands!

The multiage classes at Greenlawn have been exploring the wetlands area, learning about the plants and animals that live there. We researched the different animal groups and created pamphlets to share with those who visit the wetlands. We were lucky to have environmental educators from the NYS Parks Department come to the wetlands to show us different plant species and to find plants with special adaptations for living in the wetlands. They also identified animal groups that would live in our wetland area. We were thrilled to be able to take advantage of the gorgeous weather and this amazing resource right in the backyard of our school!

