

Summer Book Mobile gets a makeover

Students in Craig Coon’s Engineering Design and Development class were tasked with an exciting new project this winter – redesigning a school bus to accommodate bookshelves for the district librarians’ Summer Book Mobile.

The Summer Book Mobile is a library on wheels that travels to designated locations and allows students to check books in and out. The program made its debut last summer, with the goal of preventing the “summer slide” that tends to occur if students fail to read over the summer.

With the objective of expanding the program, BCSD librarians collaborated with the Office of Instruction and the Transportation Department to devise a plan for the new Summer Book Mobile. Last year the librarians temporarily revamped the district’s food service van, which was not a permanent or ideal solution. Transitioning to a school bus will allow access to the wheelchair lift, a mechanism that will significantly simplify the process of loading and unloading the bookshelves. With an idea in place,



the group needed a team to execute the process. That’s where the students came into play.

Craig Coon challenged the students in his Engineering Design and Development class to redesign the bus to accommodate the bookshelves. The class made a trip to the transportation facility to see the bus and brainstorm a plan. Their goal is to mount the bookshelves on the existing seat tracks. Armed with measuring tapes and cell phones, the students analyzed their options and took pictures and measurements. Several thought-provoking discussions ensued: “Are solar panels an option?”, “Can we use magnets?” and “What about

the wiring?” were a few of the many questions considered.

The engineering students will continue the project throughout the next several months. Once they have solidified their plan, they will gather materials and kick off the construction phase. Their process is occurring in conjunction with the librarians’ planning phase to schedule more Summer Book Mobile times and locations. Stay tuned for updates on this exciting collaboration!



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Dear Neighbors, Friends and Community Members,



Lesli C. Myers, Ed.D.

It is hard to believe that we have reached the halfway point of the school year. The Class of 2018 will be crossing the stage in no time, ready to take on the next adventures in their lives.

Some will go on to college; some will kick off their career and others will join the military. All of them will take a piece of Brockport with them. Their connections will undoubtedly intertwine at some point throughout their lives. After all, it's a small world.

Small world...big impact. The selflessness and generosity of the students, staff and community members in our district is continuously inspiring. Whenever a need arises, people do not hesitate to give back. Throughout the past month, we hosted a school supply collection to benefit students in Puerto Rico. Hurricane Maria devastated the country months ago, leaving many schools without power or supplies still today. A team of Brockport CSD staff members collaborated to determine how they could help, which is when they decided to host the school supply collection. The amount of supplies that piled up at each of the five drop-off locations was heartwarming. When we combine our efforts and resources, we have the power to change the world. The kindness of those in our district will now be felt in the Las Piedras and Fajardo school districts in Puerto Rico.

Small world...big melting pot. Our unique backgrounds and diverse perspectives make an exceptional combination. Each grade level is comprised of students of a wide variety of race, gender, socioeconomic status and academic ability. Students consistently learn from one another, both personally and instructionally. By exchanging their own beliefs and opinions, students expand their cultural awareness and learn respect for all. Recently, first-grade student Gabriel Solis-Telles welcomed a new kindergarten student from Puerto Rico to the school. Gabriel gave the new student, Ricardo Morales, and his mother and grandmother a tour of the building while speaking in Spanish, Ricardo's primary language. We are excited to welcome Ricardo to our district and hear his perspectives and proud of Gabriel's leadership and eagerness to help.

Small world...big team. As our core belief states, student, family and community engagement is critical for our success. We have a multitude of partnerships with various community groups and organizations that contribute to effective teaching and high-quality learning. One such partnership is with local law enforcement, which helps ensure a safe and secure environment. Both the Brockport Police Department and Monroe County Sheriff's Office visit our campus periodically to foster positive relationships with students and staff. These visits allow students the opportunity to see police in non-emergency situations and provide officers the opportunity to familiarize themselves with the district. Prior to the start of the school



year, a group of 25 Monroe County Sheriff's deputies visited Brockport High School to tour the building and become familiar with the layout. Another walk-through is planned for February break in the middle school. Discussions are also underway for the Brockport Police Department and University Police to do the same thing. The ultimate goal is for local law enforcement to be familiar with all five school buildings so they are prepared in the case of an emergency. We are very appreciative of these partnerships and their dedication to keeping our schools safe.

Lastly, small world...big year. The following pages of this publication showcase just some of the many amazing things happening in our district. The next couple months are guaranteed to be filled with excitement and new learning opportunities as we strive to graduate each student prepared for college or a career.

Best,

Lesli C. Myers, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

Roc2Change Committee named Brockport's Best

The Roc2Change Committee was recognized as Brockport's Best during the Board of Education meeting on Jan. 9 for their efforts in planning the Roc2Change Student Summit on Race this past November.

The Roc2Change Committee is a subcommittee of the BHS Diversity Club. They met multiple times throughout the year to design a thoughtful day of learning for summit attendees. Nearly 500 students and 70 educators from across the county attended the summit, held at the Monroe 2-Orleans BOCES Professional Development Center on Nov. 17.

Congratulations to all committee members: Doralis Allen, Aniyah Cheves, Jalyn Cox-Cooper, Maeve Curry, Destinee Ellison, Janelle Esler, Elizabeth Gardner, Amiya Johnson, Zachary Losee, Mateo Mortellaro, Cassidy MacDonald, Brianna Williams, Karina Zayas and advisor Kerry Gant.



Instruction
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Highlights

Brockport CSD receives universal pre-kindergarten grant for 2018-19

The Brockport Central School District will again offer a grant-funded universal pre-kindergarten (UPK) program. The program, with a strong focus on early learning, will start in September and follow the school calendar. Children will attend school five days a week for two and a half hours a day during morning or afternoon sessions. Since the grant requires a collaborative effort between BCSD and area childhood education agencies, some children will attend private schools, in addition to the majority of students who attend Brockport's Ginther School. All sites will use the curriculum developed by the UPK Advisory Board and will be taught by a certified teacher.

To be eligible for the UPK program, children must be four years old by Dec. 1, 2018 and be a Brockport Central School District resident. Families are responsible for making their own transportation arrangements, as transportation is not part of the New York State Education Department grant.

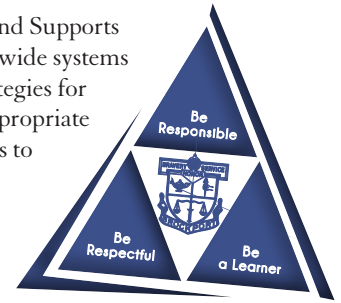
If your child is not yet registered to receive UPK-related mailings and should be, please call the Registrar's Office at 637-1857. Applications will be mailed in early March to all eligible families. UPK applications must be returned by the close of business on March 30.

Frequently asked questions about the program may be found on the Ginther School's website under "Academics." You may also call 637-1816 for additional information.

BHS PBIS team excels

Positive Behavioral Intervention and Supports (PBIS) is a framework of school-wide systems of support that include proactive strategies for defining, teaching and supporting appropriate student academic and social behaviors to create positive school environments.

According to www.pbis.org, "Thousands of high schools in the U.S. are engaged in implementing PBIS... but the time needed to achieve suitable implementation at that level is consistently longer than the time reported by elementary or middle schools."



PBIS Regional Behavior Specialist Hailey Lehman shared, "Some high schools shy away from PBIS because of this challenge, but not Brockport High School. Brockport High School has embraced the tenets of PBIS and has creatively and relevantly engaged students and staff!"

To the high school's credit, other area school districts have heard about Brockport's unique and evolving PBIS work and want to learn more. Most recently, high school representatives were asked to attend Fairport High School's initial PBIS training to share their experiences and practices. Jeremy Moore, BHS assistant principal and high school PBIS Coach, presented strategies to the Red Raiders this January to help them strengthen their student support structures.



Hill Kindness Challenge

Random acts of kindness flooded the Hill School this winter during the school's first ever Kindness Challenge. The school PBIS team challenged classes to complete kindness bingo boards throughout the month of December.

"The December Hill School Kindness Challenge was empowering and fun for both students and staff. The activities encouraged students to think and talk about why acts of kindness are important, how they affect other people, and how they have the potential to change the world in small and big ways," said Jill Corner, Hill teacher and PBIS coach.

Classrooms contributed their time and talent in a variety of ways, such as sending notes of appreciation to the janitors, helping lunchroom staff in the cafeteria, reading to younger children and writing letters and cards to recovering soldiers.

"It was inspiring to see the students joyfully participating in kindness acts," said Corner. "The Hill School learned kindness is contagious and that kindness does matter!"

Nearly all classrooms filled their kindness bingo boards. Way to go, Hill School!



National Honor Society Induction Ceremony

Excellence in scholarship, service, leadership and character earned 45 Brockport High School students admittance into the National Honor Society this year. Students were presented with certificates during an induction ceremony held at Brockport High School on Jan. 8.

The evening began with greetings and remarks by High School Principal Dr. Brian Weller, then National Honor Society advisors Patricia Arnold and Rebecca Barrett spoke about past NHS successes and future opportunities.

This year’s keynote address was delivered by Garth Fagan, iconic dance choreographer born in Jamaica who moved to Rochester where he established his own dance company. Fagan inspired students with his messages of hard work leading to success. He shared the importance of both formal and experiential education and explained the philosophy of being demanding of oneself before putting demands on others. Aligning with the pillars upon which the National Honor Society is built, Fagan also spoke about the connection between leadership and service.

The evening concluded with a reception for students, teachers and family members to celebrate their tremendous accomplishment.

Congratulations to our new inductees!

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| Lilly Bishop | Vander Hart | Emily Parker |
| Anna Burkhartzmeyer | Erynn Hogan | Laine Ramsey |
| Madeline Cherwonik | Ashton Howlett | Liam Schreiner |
| Jalyn Cox-Cooper | Wilson Huang | Sam Sevor |
| Rodric Cox-Cooper | Adam Juzwick | Colby Rixinger |
| Kathryn Crissman | Courtney Langelotti | Gina Sauro |
| Marlayna DiFante | Victoria Lesniak | Hannah Schultz |
| Destinee Ellison | Ashley Lippa | Jakeb Specht |
| Brittany Ellsworth | Jennifer Lippa | Riley Spurr |
| Mya Enderle | Madison Lloyd | Audrey Thurley |
| Daniel Foley | Bryanna Manners | Kayla Thurston |
| Elizabeth Gardner | Marsella Monnier | Hannah True |
| Dia Gauthier | Ann Marie Marseglia | Zach Turlington |
| Paul Gluck | Mateo Mortellaro | Abigail VanGelder |
| Claire Gratto | Alyssa Ouelette | Karina Zayas |



Website update

Our new website is officially up and running! We appreciate your patience while we continue to make adjustments behind the scenes to create the best user experience.

Reminders

Quick links

The district quick links are accessible by scrolling down on the homepage and clicking the icons residing in the black bar located across the middle of the page. The district quick links are Athletics, Employment, Digital Resources, Staff Directory and Calendar. The quick links for each school are accessible at the same spot on each school homepage. All five schools have the same quick links: Library, Digital Resources, Attendance, Lunch Menus and Teacher Pages.

Digital resources

One of the quick links (mentioned above) that exists on all five school websites plus the district site is Digital Resources. This page contains links to all the digital programs used within the district, such as Schoology, Infinite Campus, i-Ready, Naviance, etc. It is divided into three categories for easy navigation: students, staff and families.

Teacher pages

Teacher pages are still in the creation phase. Teacher pages from our previous website did not migrate to the new website; therefore, teachers who opt to have a page on the new site are required to attend training to ensure functionality and ADA compliance (accessibility to users of all technologies and abilities). Once the teacher pages are live, they will be accessible via the quick links on all five school websites.

Virtual Backpack

To access our Virtual Backpack, visit bcs1.org/vb. The Virtual Backpack is a collection of flyers pertaining to events and activities within the community. Since we transitioned to the new website platform, those interested in receiving Virtual Backpack notifications will need to re-subscribe. To subscribe to the Virtual Backpack, go to bcs1.org/vb and scroll down to the box at the bottom of the page. Click “Subscribe” in the top right corner of the box, then fill in your information and select the frequency in which you would like to receive notifications. If you would prefer not to subscribe, you may visit the website at any time to view current flyers in the Virtual Backpack.

Please note: The Virtual Backpack flyers are provided as a community service and Brockport CSD does not sponsor or endorse community activities.

There’s an app for that!

We are in the process of finalizing our district mobile application. The app will coincide with the district website and offer an additional way for parents to stay connected with district news and updates. When you download the app, you will have the option to receive push notifications from the district and your child’s school. Instructions to download the mobile application will be forthcoming.

School HIGHLIGHTS

Holiday gift of music

The Brockport High School Band sent elementary students to winter break on a high note with performances held during the school day on Dec. 22. The band played a variety of holiday tunes for Hill, Barclay and Ginther students during their respective assemblies. Many students clapped and sang along to familiar songs, then jumped to their feet when Santa Claus made an appearance. Kudos to the BHS Band for their fantastic performances!



OMS makerspace

By Lisa Rice, OMS library media specialist

Makerspaces are becoming more popular than ever. A makerspace is an area or space in which people of all age levels can create, invent, learn, think, tinker and play. It is a way for people to share ideas and work together, or discover and learn on their own. It might involve using high-tech gadgets (think 3D printers or green screens) or low tech items (think Legos or paper). It is about thinking outside the box, discovery and innovation. Students in the Oliver Middle School Library have had opportunities to work with Legos, Little Bits, Squishy Circuits and Kano Kits so far this year. They are looking forward to the spring when they get to experiment with a 3D printer and a green screen, just like newscasters use. While the concept of makerspaces may sound like fun and games, it encourages students to think creatively about science and math and how to effectively communicate their discoveries.



Veggie Nation plants garlic

Chilly temperatures did not deter Hill School Veggie Nation students from working in the garden on Jan. 12. Students carefully planted 130 cloves of garlic (of the Russian and music varieties) in neat rows in the garden outside the Hill School. Of the music cloves, 110 came from bulbs the club harvested last year. Most of the remainder of last year's harvest was donated to the Brockport Food Shelf. This year Hill sign interpreter Mary Clow donated the Russian garlic. Veggie Nation students learned how to say "welcome my friends" in Russian: "privet droog moy." It's a small world!



Barclay gingerbread houses

Gumdrops, M & M's and candy canes served a greater purpose than being tasty snacks for Barclay students this winter. Students used milk cartons, frosting and graham crackers to construct gingerbread houses, then applied their creative skills to decorating their houses. Some students created doors and windows, while others made pathways and lawn ornaments. While no two houses were the same, students could agree on one thing: the candy snack breaks were the best part!



Ginther School Break Bingo

Participating in fun family activities over holiday recess earned three lucky Ginther students new books. The Ginther PTSA sponsored Elementary School Break Bingo, in which bingo boards were given to Ginther students prior to break. The bingo boards featured 20 spaces of activities, such as building a snowman, reading a story by flashlight, trying a new food or having a family movie night. Once the students completed an activity, they colored in that square. Students brought in their bingo boards after break and three winners were chosen randomly to receive a book. Congratulations to the winners: Stephanie, Dante and Madison!



A message from the 2018 NYS Teacher of the Year

Dear Brockport Friends,

It has been the honor of my life to be a teacher at the Hill School. I love my job, I love our school and I love our community. This is why my wife and I decided to move here 12 years ago. We wanted our children to grow up in our town and attend Brockport Central Schools. Many of the people I have the privilege to teach alongside of are legends in our house. I will always be proud to be part of Brockport.

As for being the 2018 New York Teacher of the Year... I am loving it. I have met so many wonderful people. I made a decision last summer after finding out that I would get this opportunity to think about how I would spend the year. After a lot of reflection, the themes of service and charity stuck out as central parts of my pedagogy. So, I have incorporated school visits into all of the trips I have been on delivering books to students purchased with the award money I was given. These visits are the most inspiring part of the honor. There is a lot to be proud of in the world of education. What I continue to find is that there are so many fine schools and educators that care. It has been a joy to be welcomed into the diversity of schools I have seen. I have tried to honor nearly every request, and it has kept me busy, but happy.

So, what are the responsibilities? The plans for upcoming months are amazing. Never in my wildest dreams did I ever expect to hold such a fun and packed schedule. I have been invited back to my Alma mater, St. Bonaventure University (Class of '93), for two days to present and spend time with their students. (I went to a Bona's game last

month, saw my mentor, Mr. Karg with his wife, Mrs. Karg, who taught second grade in Brockport for years, and was recognized by many Bonaventure alums... really cool.) Likewise, I will be at Clarion University (where I earned my master's degree, '95) in February for two days of lectures and workshops. In January, I presented with four current and former students on local history at the historic Morgan Manning House with an original script we wrote. At the end of January, our cohort will be in California with the other state teachers of the year at the Google headquarters to learn and share ideas. These are not "play days." We have about 12 hours of teacher training scheduled for each day. In April, we are guests of the president at the White House, and while in Washington, our cohort will be trained heavily. Later that month, I will be at the NYSUT (New York State United Teachers) State Conference and publishing for NYSUT in their monthly magazine. On May 5, I am getting to fulfill a bucket list dream of giving a TEDx Talk on the topic of "Space." Also scattered in there are multiple visits to schools in the cities of Rochester, Albany, Buffalo and Syracuse. At each visit I teach a lesson, incorporate a book and give each student a copy of that book. I will also visit my elementary school (Brooks Hill) in Fairport, and give about 20 presentations at St. John Fisher, Nazareth and The College at Brockport. To avoid being out of the classroom, I am doing a lot of traveling to present over February and spring breaks. Our classroom remains the most important part of the year. I love science and I am getting my "dream experience". I have been invited to space camp in Huntsville, Alabama in July to receive astronaut training. There are a lot of

other responsibilities, including committees I never expected to be on, invitations that I never dreamed would be offered, and the best part, new friends that I have made. In June, I am even the first male speaker in the history of a women's group who supports women going into the field of education. And, nestled between all of this, I have three student interns: Caryn Crooks (Keuka College), Paige Lammes (College at Brockport) and Samantha Spagnola (Brockport High School) that have been a joy to work with in their old stomping ground.

Lou Gehrig once said, "I am the luckiest man on the face of the earth." That is how I feel. However, this feeling is not generated by the award, but by the personal interactions that I am experiencing. Those interactions start with the students and teachers I work with, and the great community my family lives in. On the September 12th evening I returned to Brockport from accepting the award, my classroom door was decorated with so many beautiful statements and there on my desk were the most wonderful cards from my neighbors' classes, Karen Carges and Karen Bourg. These expressions of kindness are what have made this event in my life so special.

Your Friend,
Christopher Albrecht



Christopher Albrecht with students Jason Kleehammer, Jane Lloyd, Genni Contrera and Jeffrey Xue following their presentation at the Morgan Manning House

Cambridge University professor speaks about college readiness

Students in Don Chmielowiec's AP Environmental Science class were challenged to think at the college level during a special lesson at the high school on Jan. 2.

Dr. Robert James Asher is a professor at Cambridge University in England. He visited BHS to share his story of progressing from a student at Batavia High School to a senior lecturer and curator of the University Museum of Zoology at one of the most prestigious universities in the world. He also spoke

about Charles Darwin and the Theory of Evolution. Asher's role at Cambridge includes interviewing students for admittance into the university. He shared insight on the application process, then challenged students to answer a question he typically poses to university applicants. The question (which will not be shared due to confidentiality for future applicants) required students to think outside the box. While many struggled, the question certainly inspired creative thinking and sparked discussion amongst students.



Student Peter Taccone explains his thought process to Cambridge University Professor Dr. Robert James Asher and high school teacher Don Chmielowiec.

Taste testing at BHS

Do you prefer Wegmans brand products or national brand products? Students in Mike Zale's Introduction to Marketing course put the question to the test - the taste test!

The class partnered with Wegmans to conduct taste tests during lunches in the high school on Dec. 7 as part of a market research and data analysis project. They compared five Wegmans brand products with national brands of sports drinks, lemonade, ice cream, kettle chips and apple sauce. They selected items in which there were three different brands that looked identical, such as three brands of fruit punch flavored sports drinks: Gatorade, Powerade and Wegmans MVP.

Students found that the results were varied. Many of the national brands won, but in some cases only by a small margin. Wegmans attained second place over some of the national brands as well.

After the test results were analyzed, a team from Wegmans, comprised of the manager of the Brockport Wegmans and a representative from

the corporate Wegmans brand office, attended student presentations on Jan. 12. The Wegmans team also gave a presentation of their own in which they focused on Wegmans branding. They shared that while Wegmans is interested in competing with the taste of national brands, they will not compromise their values. Their platform is "Food you feel good about," meaning they are dedicated to creating foods that are healthier and free from artificial ingredients. For instance, in some cases where the national brands were favored over the Wegmans product, it was due to the presence of extra sugar or unhealthy ingredients.

BHS teacher Mike Zale said the Wegmans team's presentation surrounding their branding strategy aligned perfectly with the goal of the project.



Elementary partnerships

Collaboration between elementary students from different grade levels offers mutually beneficial partnerships. Younger students enjoy looking up to their older classmates and are inspired to learn new things, while older students gain a sense of empowerment and are motivated to set positive examples.



Throughout the school year Elizabeth Bloshauer's kindergarteners and Anne Parker's fifth-graders spend time reading and working on activities together.

High-schoolers share insight with eighth-graders

The transition from middle to high school may be intimidating for students. In an effort to ease any anxiety and prepare eighth-graders for the move, representatives from the high school visited OMS on Jan. 4 to speak about exciting opportunities that lie ahead.

Teachers from each department in the high school (English language arts, math, languages other than English, social studies, technology, physical education, art, music, business and science) shared information on their subjects, then students learned about the various academic supports available to students in the high school. Each high school faculty member was accompanied by a high school student who spoke about their experiences in high school classes, then answered questions. The event concluded with a question-answer panel in which high school students provided valuable insight to help eighth-graders transition to high school.



Storyteller teaches Ginther students valuable lessons

Inspirational storyteller Almeta Whitis visited Ginther School on Jan. 19 for two assemblies that focused on telling the truth and all colors are good colors. Whitis also conducted four classroom workshops with students where they acted out Aesop's Fables "The Tortoise and the Hare" and "The Lion and the Mouse."

Almeta Whitis is a storyteller, actress, poet, writer and teaching artist. She is a former assistant professor of theater at The College at Brockport, where she received their "Distinguished Scholar Public Service Award" in 1997.



PTSA News

By Lynn Rodrigues, PTSA president

PTSA student membership contest winner-Christopher Pulcino!



Christopher Pulcino (far right in the picture) won the Rochester Knighthawks tickets from our student membership contest in December. Thanks for supporting your PTSA! Hope you all had a fun night.

Thank you JPR Trailer Sales for the ticket donation!

Look for more fun membership contests this spring

PTSA Coffee Time with Dr. Weller

We had our first "Coffee Time" with Dr. Weller (our BHS principal) on Dec. 7.



What a success! This is an informal chat time to sit down with the BHS principal and share ideas, concerns or congratulations.

Mark your calendar for the next two sessions:

- Feb. 12, 12 p.m.
- April 19, 3 p.m.

NYS PTA supports the proposed graduation requirement change-CDOS Credential

There was a mid-December announcement that the Career Development and Occupational Studies (CDOS) Commencement Credential can be used to seek a superintendent determination for graduation. This is a big step forward for many of our students with disabilities. "This is a great step forward to ensuring each and every child receives a meaningful diploma option that leads to a successful career or college experience," said Gracemarie Rozea, President of NYS PTA.

More information on this topic is available on our website: brockportcentralptsa.org

PTSA Reflections Art Program updates

Congratulations to our talented Brockport artists.

Their Reflections Art pieces have been chosen to move on to NYS judging.

Sophia Sherwood - "Sophia's Garden"

Ethann Stone - "Working Together"

Jaylynn Balmer - "I want to be an Artist"

Brady Putnam - "Blue Glaciers" and "Hockey Dreams"

Rocco Rodrigues - "New York Central"

The Cookies, Crafts & Cocoa Family Night was a huge success!



Thank you, volunteers!

BCSD budget presentation

Thursday, May 10, 9:45 a.m.
Technology & Training Center
Don't miss this informative meeting!



Our Green Team is ready for action!
Keep an eye out for upcoming events

PTSA News

Cookbooks are still available for purchase! \$10

Brockport Central School District Family Cookbook Sale

It's not too late to buy one – put your order in today!

<https://cookbook.cheddarup.com>
or email us at:
brockportpsa@gmail.com



Barclay School Book Fair

Feb. 26 – March 2

Books & Bingo Family Night

March 1, 6:30 p.m.

Hill School Book Fair

April 23-27

G.R.A.N.D. Lunch

April 23

Save the date!

Grandparents, Relatives, Aunts & Uncles,
Neighbors & Devoted caretakers Lunch

Flyer with details coming home in March

Keep clipping those box tops

Your school greatly benefits from your contributions of box tops. Thank you for sending them in!

Every clip counts!



Save box tops please!

Upcoming PTSA meeting dates

- General meetings - March 22, April 30, June 18
- OMS meetings - March 12, May 14
- Elementary meetings - Feb. 15, March 15, April 19

Class of 2018

Did you know that our PTSA gives a \$500 scholarship to a graduating senior that has been accepted to a two or four year institute of higher learning?

The requirements are easy.

Don't wait until February to get started.

- Join PTSA for the 2017-18 school year
- Volunteer four hours with PTSA

(there are tons of ways to accrue volunteer hours-it doesn't have to be at an event)

Contact us today at
brockportpsa@gmail.com



Do you need volunteer hours for your group or scholarship application?

We have many opportunities for you to help right on our BCSD campus!

- Stapling flyers
- Helping out at PTSA family nights
- Assisting with younger students at our meetings
- Helping with mailings
- Prepping crafts
- Setting up book fairs
- Decorating for events
- Helping with fundraisers
- PBIS events
- And so much more

Contact us at brockportpsa@gmail.com

“Ask Dr. Myers” is back for 2018

Join us on Thursday, March 22 for an information chat with the superintendent of our school district. Do you have any questions or concerns about the school district? Policies? Procedures? Ideas that you want to suggest? This is a great environment to participate in small group discussions with Dr. Myers.

Keep in touch with Brockport PTSA!

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 Brockport PTSA

 Leave a message
(585) 637-1995

BEST in Brockport Education Foundation

Providing a means for enhancing the education of Brockport students

BEST in Brockport Foundation is a non-profit organization that provides resources to support students academically, provide classroom grants and offer program enrichment. Our logo embodies the spirit of collaboration and teamwork that we wish to convey to students, faculty and staff. Consider joining or supporting BEST with your time, talents and/or resources.

Save the dates

Feb. 12: Next foundation meeting

- The foundation meets the second Monday of every month at 6 p.m. in the BCSD Board of Education Room

March 9: "BEST Social EVER"

- Meet and Greet at the Redbird - learn how you can share your time and talent to support BCSD

Sept. 15: Second Annual Farm to Table Fundraiser

- Enjoy a locally sourced dinner while raising funds to support BCSD students and staff



Mini grants funded in 2017

Program	Description	Applicant	Applicant's title
The Robert A. Ellis Nature Trail	Outdoor Environmental Program	Rosemary Catlin	BHS science teacher/ Environmental Club advisor
Bouncy bands for second graders	Bouncy bands for chairs	Jodie Shatzel	Second-grade teacher
Alternate seating arrangements	Ball chairs	Andraya Cutaia	Third-grade teacher
From Bottles to Books	Booth at Brockport Arts Festival	Amanda McMillan	Special education teacher & From Bottles to Books Committee chair

Connect with the foundation

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Mock Newbery Club

Twenty-five Hill students are partnering with fifth-graders from Terry Taylor Elementary School (Spencerport CSD), T.J. Connor Elementary School (Wheatland-Chili CSD) and Village Elementary School (Hilton CSD) to share their joy of reading through the Mock Newbery Club.

Librarians from the four schools collectively selected six possible Newbery contenders for club members to read, blog about and vote on for the Mock Newbery Award. This year's books include "Clayton Byrd Goes Underground" by Rita Williams-Garcia, "The First Rule of Punk" by Celia C. Perez, "Hello Universe" by Erin Entrada Kelly, "I Love You, Michael Collins" by Lauren Baratz-Logsted, "Undeclared" by Steve Sheinkin and "Wishtree" by Katherine Applegate.

Students read the contending books from October through January and periodically shared their thoughts through Schoology. The official American Library Association Newbery Award will be announced on Feb. 12. Mock Newbery Club members from all four schools will gather for a celebration at the Hill School to find out which book won the official award, as well as their own Mock Newbery winner.

What gets 85 third-grade students on stage at the same time?

Recess at lunch? Practicing a safety drill?

No, it's the long-standing tradition of Barclay Kids Rock. Barclay Kids Rock provides an opportunity for third-grade students to experience a musical performance within the school day. Each semester, Barclay music teacher Katelyn Marasco works with four classrooms of students to hone their singing voices for a community performance. Students meet with her weekly for approximately five practice sessions before they perform a live concert for their families. Each concert features three to four songs that send positive messages through whole group and individual vocal performances. While the students may be nervous in the first few practices, those butterflies disappear by the time they perform for the live audience. Last year marked the first time that Barclay Kids Rock performed at the High School Cabaret Night and they were prepared to do so again this year; however, the event was canceled due to inclement weather.

New this year is the live streaming of Barclay Kids Rock performances on Twitter. You can view videos from the Dec. 5 concert on the school Twitter feed at @BCSDBarclay. The next performance is scheduled for Feb. 13.



Spring 2018

Dear Residents,

Welcome to the Brockport Continuing Education program! The mission of our program is to offer continued learning opportunities that meet the needs and interests of our community.

The Brockport Continuing Education program is a self-sustaining program funded by enrollment fees. Since we rely solely on course fees, it is necessary to maintain minimum registration requirements. Please know that classes not meeting minimum registration requirements may be cancelled. Notifications for class cancellations due to limited registration will be made prior to first class sessions and refunds will be issued. Please know that class registration fees do not include the cost of books, materials, or supplies unless noted in class descriptions.

Thank you for your support and participation in our program. We encourage you to contact us with questions, concerns or suggestions.

Respectfully,



Debra Wayne, Director of Continuing Education



Katrina Schwartz, Program Secretary

Registration: (mail-in)

Please mail the completed registration form with payment to:

For Continuing Education Courses:

Office of Continuing Education
Fred W. Hill School
Brockport Central School District
40 Allen Street
Brockport, New York 14420

For Driver Education Courses:

Office of Driver Education
Oliver Middle School
Brockport Central School District
40 Allen Street
Brockport, New York 14420

Exceptions: Five-hour driving course requires in-person registration at Brockport High School.

All checks must be made payable to: Brockport Continuing Education. Our office must receive all forms one week prior to first class session date. Please remember that prompt registration may reduce the likelihood of classes being cancelled due to low enrollment. You must be 18 years of age or older to be eligible to register, with the exception of those courses designed specifically for younger students.

Refunds: Refunds are provided only if a student withdraws from the class 24 hours prior to the scheduled start date. No refunds will be provided after the first class. If you join a class after the scheduled start date, the tuition will be the same amount. If a class needs to be cancelled due to maintenance or weather emergencies, no partial refund will be issued. *Refunds will be processed for courses that have been fully cancelled from our schedule for reasons such as low enrollment.* Fees for registration do not include the cost of books, materials or supplies, unless noted.

Class cancellation & confirmation: Individual cancelled classes will be rescheduled whenever possible. No refunds will be issued for classes that are not able to be rescheduled. No continuing education classes are held when Brockport schools are closed due to weather cancellations or emergency conditions. Please check the Brockport Central School website, your local TV or radio stations for cancellations. *Winter classes will begin the week of Monday January 8 and end March 30th unless otherwise noted. If you do not receive notification of cancellation, your class will be held. No confirmations are sent.*

Due to holiday observances, school functions or scheduled recesses, classes will not meet on the following dates: Feb. 19-23, March 30, April 2-6, 20, May 28, 2018

Parking: Please be sure to park in designated areas, not in bus or emergency lanes.

Contact information:

Continuing Education	Driver Education
Katrina Schwartz	Trina Kenney
Phone: 585-637-1854	Phone: 585-637-1961
Email: katrina.schwartz@bcs1.org	Email: trina.kenney@bcs1.org

WEMOCO adult classes:

A vast number of vocational programs in business, health, trade and industrial areas are available. Information concerning offerings, dates, cost, etc. can be obtained by calling the Center for Workforce Development Office at 349-9100.

Sports and Fitness

Junior Blue Devils Cheerleading Boys and Girls Grades 1 through 6

This league is for young athletes interested in the sport of cheerleading. Our focus will be helping each athlete develop and advance their skills in stunting, jumps, voice, dance and other aspects of cheerleading. Join our team of instructors for this opportunity! T-shirts and bows are included with your registration fee. Please indicate your child's shirt size on the registration form. Space is limited, so sign up early!

Fee: \$75	Dates: April 16 – June 16
Min enrollment: 5 per age group	Max enrollment: 30 per age group
Grades 1&2: 5:30-7 p.m.	Grades 3&4, 5&6: 5:30-7:30 p.m.
Coordinator: Gerri Hofstra	Location: High School North Gym

**All Gymnasium usage is subject to BCSD sports events calendar and may change.*

Sports and Fitness (con't)

Golf Lessons Ages 16 & Up

Come out and enjoy this fun four-day class for ages 16 and up. This class will teach the fundamentals of the game of golf and focus on achieving a full swing and solid contact with the ball. Please join the instructor, Tom Stanton, at Woodlands Golf Range, 5500 West Ridge Rd. Spencerport 14559. The fee is \$75 per session, clubs and equipment are included for those who need them. There is an additional ball fee of \$7 per class. There are two sessions available. Please see dates and times below. Class is limited to 10 participants, so early registration is recommended.

Fee: \$75 Per Session Session 1: Tuesdays, May 1, 8, 15 & 22
 Instructor: Tom Stanton Session 2: Thursdays, May 3, 10, 17 & 24
 No Minimum enrollment Maximum enrollment: 10
 Location: Woodlands Golf Range Time: 6:15-7:15 p.m.
 5500 West Ridge Rd., Spencerport

Me and My Pal Golf

Learn to play golf and have some fun with your best pal! Instructor, Tom Stanton, will teach you and your child or grandchild the fundamentals of golf, including a full swing, proper grip and how to develop good ball contact. You and your child will learn to play safely, and with proper golf etiquette. This class is designed for all ages. Join Tom for 4 classes at Woodlands Golf Range, 5500 West Ridge Rd. Spencerport 14559. The registration fee is \$65 for two people. There is an additional ball fee of \$7 per class. Class is limited to 10 participants, so early registration is recommended.

Fee: \$65
 (includes one adult & one youth)
 No Minimum enrollment
 Location: Woodlands Golf Range
 5500 West Ridge Rd., Spencerport

Saturdays, May 5, 12, 19 & 26
 Instructor: Tom Stanton
 Maximum enrollment: 10
 Time: 10-11 a.m.

Swimming Lessons Ages 4 to 6

These eight-week sessions are for young new swimmers with lessons that are designed to promote water enrichment, safety, readiness, and fun! Class sizes are limited to six. This allows a safe environment where each student can learn at their own pace. Our certified, knowledgeable and caring instructor will help each swimmer to feel comfortable in the water and prepared for their next level of skill.

Preschool Ages 4 to 5:

Level 1 Session - Tuesdays March 6 through May 1
 (no class April 3)
 Level 2 Session - Tuesdays May 8 through June 26

Kindergarten Age 5 to 6:

Level 1 Session - Thursdays March 8 through May 3
 (no class April 5)
 Level 2 Session - Thursdays May 10 through June 28

Minimum Enrollment: 3 Maximum Enrollment: 6
 Certified Instructor: Christine Ellis Time: 4:30-5:15 p.m.
 Location: High School Pool Fee: \$100 per session

**All gym usage is subject to BCSD sports events calendar and may change.*

MAIL-IN REGISTRATION Spring 2018 Brockport Central School Continuing Education

Name _____
Last First MI

Address _____
Street City State Zip

Phone (Day) _____ (Evening) _____

Email Address _____

1st Course Desired _____

Night Scheduled: (circle one) Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday **Fee:** _____

2nd Course Desired _____

Night Scheduled: (circle one) Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday **Fee:** _____

Make checks payable to: Brockport Continuing Education **Total Fee:** _____

Send to: Brockport Continuing Education
 Brockport Central School District
 Fred Hill School
 40 Allen Street, Brockport
 New York 14420-2296

*If you don't hear otherwise, your course will be held.
 No confirmation notices will be sent.*

Arts and Leisure

Brockport Community Big Band

The Brockport Community Big Band is an adult group performing jazz with a focus on big band music from the 1940s to the present day. Rehearsals are in the Brockport High School band room on Tuesday evenings from 7-9 year round. To be considered for membership, a playing audition must be performed demonstrating knowledge of the jazz idiom and a skill level that is commensurate with the standard of the group. Performers on saxophone, trumpet, trombone, bass, piano, guitar, and drum set will be considered for membership. Members are required to attend all rehearsals and performances throughout the year. This group is not open to high school age students or college students who do not live within traveling distance to Brockport for weekly rehearsals and performances throughout the year.

For dates and additional information please call Lorie Bryant at 637-7565.

Chords are Key for Guitar

Have you ever wanted to learn the guitar but simply find it difficult to find the time? In just a few hours you can learn enough about playing the guitar to give you years of musical enjoyment, and you won't have to take private lessons to do it. This crash course will teach you some basic chords and get you playing along with your favorite songs right away. Bring your acoustic guitar. Class limited to 15 students. For ages 13 and up. The class includes an online book and on-line video instruction. For more information, go to www.justonceclasses.com.

Topics for this class will include: How chords work in a song, how to form the three main types of chords, how to tune your guitar,

basic strumming patterns, how to buy a good guitar (things to avoid) and how to play along with simple tunes.

Fee: \$54 (includes online book and video instruction) Date: April 23
 Minimum Enrollment: 4 Maximum Enrollment: 15
 Instructor: Joshua Seiler Time: 6:30-9 p.m.
 Location: Hill School Room # 240

Chords are Key for Piano

Some music teachers may not want you to know this, but you don't need years of weekly lessons to learn piano. In just a few hours, you can learn enough secrets of the trade to give you years of musical enjoyment. How do we do it? While regular piano teachers teach note reading, piano professionals use chords. And you can learn all the chords you'll need to play any song in this one session. Any song. Any style. Any key. If you can find middle C and know the meaning of Every Good Boy Does Fine, you already know enough to enroll in this workshop. Total beginners can print out a free pamphlet on the treble clef at this link – http://justonceclasses.com/info/images/fastpresence/class_notes_for_piano.pdf.

Topics include: How chords work in a song, how to get more out of sheet music by reading less of it, how to form the three main types of chords, how to handle different keys and time signatures, how to avoid 'counting' and how to simplify over 12,000 complex chords.

Fee: \$54 (includes online book and video instruction) Date: April 9
 Minimum Enrollment: 4 Maximum Enrollment: 15
 Instructor: Joshua Seiler Time: 6:30-9:30 p.m.
 Location: Hill School Room #240

Finance and Planning

Financial Wellness 101

During this evening discussion we will be learning about setting financial goals; a building block approach to savings, insurance and investments; investing in mutual funds; choosing suitable investments; what to expect when working with a financial services representative; budgeting and controlling your debt; as well as tax savings and investing.

Fee: \$10 Date: March 13
 Minimum Enrollment: 5 Maximum Enrollment: 20
 Location: High School LGI Time: 6:30-7:30 p.m.
 Instructor: Matthew Wieczorek, Fosters Financial Services

Free NYSTRS Seminar (New York State Teachers' Retirement System)

Please join us as we discuss eligibility for retirement, explaining the terms, pension & annuity options, beneficiary options, understanding social security benefits and how to coordinate them with your spouse.

Date: March 27 Time: 4-5 p.m.
 Minimum Enrollment: 5 Maximum Enrollment: no maximum
 Instructor: Matthew Wieczorek, Location: High School LGI
 Fosters Financial Services

Notary Public License Law

Whether you are looking to become a new notary public or need a refresher on notary law and the duties and responsibilities afforded to you, this comprehensive class will provide you with the information necessary to pass the notary exam. During this two-night class you will learn testing and renewal policies, procedures of being a notary public and ways to shield yourself from liability in the execution of your duties.

Fee: \$45 Dates: June 13 & 20
 Minimum Enrollment: 4 Maximum Enrollment: 20
 Location: Hill School Library Time: 6:30-8:45 p.m.
 Instructor: Matthew Wieczorek, Fosters Financial Services

Solar Energy, Is It Really Free?

Solar energy has become price-competitive with traditional electric sources (coal, oil, natural gas) as the cost of producing and installing panels has steadily declined. Join Brian Venton to learn how solar works, what it costs and for whom it might be a good investment.

Fee: \$10 Date: Feb. 28
 Minimum Enrollment: 3 Time: 6:30-8:30 p.m.
 Instructor: Brian Venton, Ameriprise Location: High School LGI

Driver Education - Spring 2018

Dear Parents and Students,

Welcome to our Driver Education Program at Brockport High School. This is an exciting time for your child in their academic career that comes with a great deal of freedom and responsibility! Our Driver Education program is offered to anyone who desires expert instruction from highly qualified teachers prior to receiving a New York State Driver's License. Our Driver Education Program is a comprehensive experience that includes both theory and practice. This program is an investment in your child's future; providing them with the necessary knowledge and experience to become a safe driver.

Below is important information about the program and the process for registering your child. Thank you for your interest and participation in our program and please feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns.

Respectfully,



Melody Martinez-Davis,
Coordinator of Driver Education



Trina J. Kenney,
Administrative Assistant

Please note: Student must be present for the first theory class to be allowed entry into the course. Please arrive 15 minutes prior to the start of the first class. (Late arrivals will not be admitted and, if registered, will forfeit course enrollment). No early dismissals from theory class allowed.

Students must have the following for theory class:

- Permit/license
- Notebook/folder
- Writing materials

Students must be prepared with the following for each car class:

- Permit/license
- Sunglasses are encouraged
- Appropriate footwear (i.e. no backless sandals)

Driving groups: - will start and end at the High School student parking lot. Driving classes may be rescheduled at the instructor's discretion due to inclement weather. Should a make-up driving class be requested by a student due to extenuating circumstances, the instructor will reschedule at his discretion. Driving groups may be rescheduled to place four drivers in each time block. Every effort will be made to accommodate rescheduling conflicts. However, the instructor reserves the right to create a schedule that is most effective in terms of number of students scheduled for each driving group. Scheduling of or transportation to the road test are not included. Parents or other qualified adults should plan to devote time for enrolled students to practice the skills learned in this class. Only experience and good judgment makes a safe driver. A current NYS Learner's Permit must be brought to all classes.

Registration directions: Please send your payment, completed registration form and a copy of the student's learner's permit to the address listed below. **The cost is \$450 for residents, \$470 for non-residents.** The registration deadline for Session III will end March 28, 2018. **Please select your drive groups, listing your choices in order of preference. First priority will be given to resident seniors, then resident juniors, then underclassmen and non-residents. Every effort will be made to accommodate your request.** You will be notified by e-mail or telephone and a list will be posted in the High School if you have been accepted and enrolled. If a registrant did not get into the session, they will be notified in writing and placed on a priority list for the next session.

Enrolled students will receive instruction in the classroom, behind the wheel, and on the road as required by New York State Department of Motor Vehicles. Those successfully completing the class will receive an MV285 certificate that gives the holder the privilege to receive a Class D operator's license when reaching age 17, allowing them to drive after 9 p.m. Students must be 16 years old and hold a valid NYS Driver Permit or License to be eligible for the course. The Pre-Licensing 5-Hour Course material is included in Driver Education. The loan of a text is included in the class fee.

Most insurance companies will offer a discount on compulsory car insurance upon request.

Instructors: Richard Barrett, Rich Fiorito, John DeBaun, Ben Gioseffi

Classroom instruction - ALL students must attend ALL classroom instruction in Brockport High School Room 192 as scheduled from 3:15 – 4:45 p.m.

Detach and mail in form with a copy of permit/license.

2018 Driver Education Enrollment Session III

Session III (April - June)

Driver Group Choices (Pick 3 different choices for each block)

Block 1: Choice #1 ___ Choice #2 ___ Choice #3 ___

Block 2: Choice #1 ___ Choice #2 ___ Choice #3 ___

Must attend two drive groups per week: one from Block 1 and one from Block 2

Please print name as it appears on Permit/License

Name: _____
Last
First
Middle Name or Initial

Address: _____
Street
City
State
Zip

Parent Email: _____ Student Email: _____

Parent Phone: (Day) _____ (Evening) _____ Student Cell Phone: _____

Date of Birth: _____ District Resident (Circle One) Yes No Are You (Circle One) Male Female

High School Attending: _____ Are You (Circle One) Senior Junior Other

Learner's Permit/Driver License #: _____ Date issued: _____

Please list any special needs (test mods, physical limitations, etc): _____

Parent Signature _____

Make checks payable to: Office of Driver Education

Questions may be directed to Trina Kenney at 637-1961 or by email to: trina.kenney@bcs1.org



Mail Enrollment Form and Payment to:
 Brockport Central School District
 Office of Driver Education
 Attn: Trina Kenney
 40 Allen Street
 Brockport, NY 14420-2296



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Cardboard, duct tape and a touch of physics

Cardboard, duct tape and a touch of physics: those were the elements 15 teams used to construct boats for the annual Brockport High School Cardboard Boat Race on Jan. 12.

The rules were simple enough; the boats could not exceed eight feet in length or four feet in width and the only materials permitted for construction were standard packaging cardboard and duct tape. Each team consisted of at least two BHS students or staff.

The first phase of the competition entailed two heats. When the signal was given, one member of each team attempted to climb aboard their boat and paddle to the opposite end of the pool where their partner was waiting. The first moments of each heat were critical to see which boats would capsize, sink or fall apart. Those who successfully boarded their boats used a single oar to paddle down the length of the pool while their classmates cheered them on from the bleachers. Upon reaching the other end, the team members switched places with their partners, who proceeded to race back to the starting point.

The winning teams of the first two heats then competed against each other in a final round, which resulted in an anomaly for the annual race. Impressively, the winning team consisted of all freshmen: Jacob Christ, Colton Slattery and Nick Fauci.

While only one team could be crowned champion, this year's race proved a learning experience for all. Student participants enjoyed the hands-on nature of the activity and teachers appreciated seeing students work through the process of brainstorming, collaborating and constructing a finished product.

Congratulations to Jacob, Colton, Nick and all who were involved in the 2018 Cardboard Boat Race!



The BHS Cardboard Boat Race was featured on News 8 WROC. Visit bcs1.org/district/news for a link to see the story!

Faculty basketball game to benefit Unified Sports Program



Our elementary teachers will go head-to-head with the secondary level teachers during the third annual faculty basketball game on Feb. 28. Tip-off is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. in the Oliver Middle School lower gym. Donations collected at the door and proceeds from concessions will go towards items such as awards and uniforms. More than \$1,600 was raised last year to benefit the Unified Sports Program.

The Unified Sports Program pairs students of all abilities together to train and compete in athletic games. The program extends far beyond sports by inspiring compassion, camaraderie, inclusion and lifelong memories for all involved.

All community members are invited to attend.



Winter Recess
No School
Feb. 19 - 23