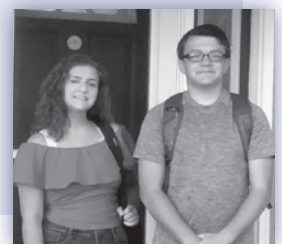
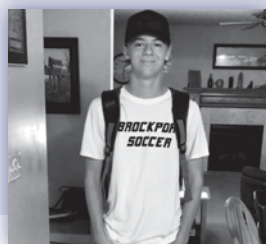
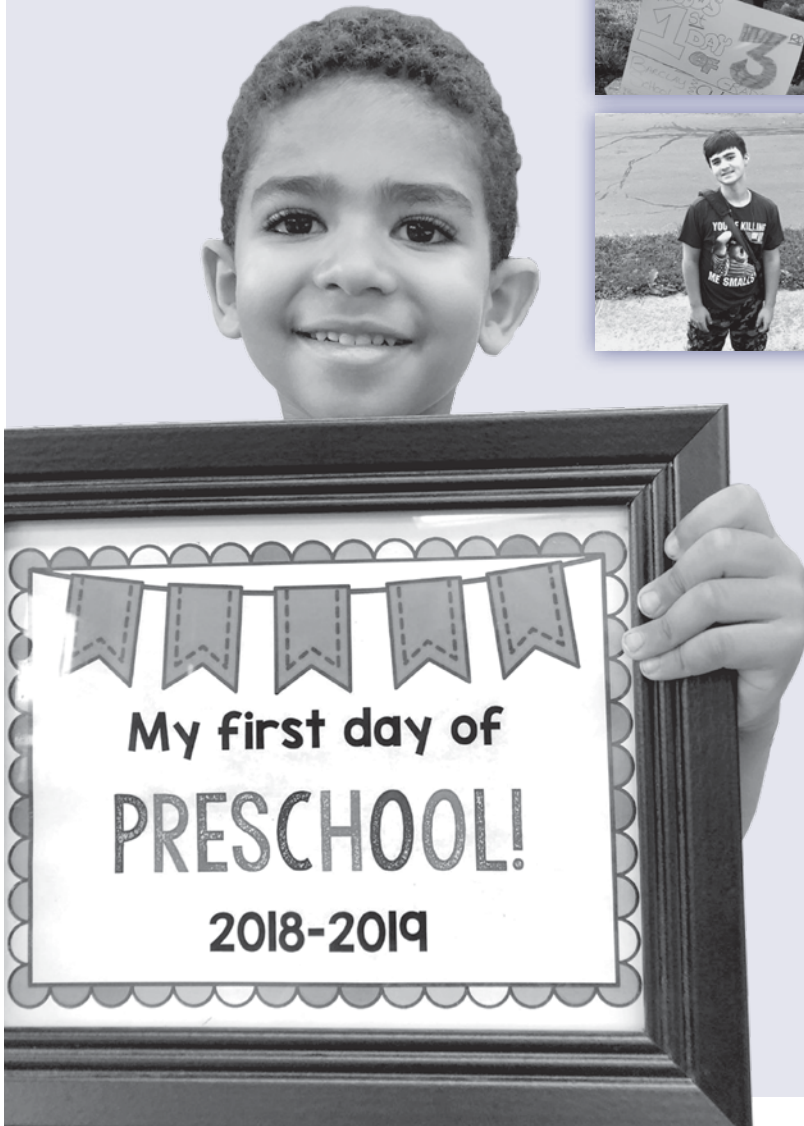


# FOCUS

October / November 2018

## #Back2BCSD

Thank you to everyone who submitted back-to-school photographs on social media. We loved seeing our students' enthusiasm about returning to school. The photos pictured here are some of the many that were shared on Facebook and Twitter. Keep smiling, BCSD students!



## Dear Neighbors, Friends and Community Members,

One of the most fearsome, cunning tribes in Africa is known as the Masai of Kenya. However, despite their fierce nature, the traditional greeting passed between Masai warriors is “Kasserian Ingera,” which in Swahili translates to, “Are the children well?”

This greeting speaks to the high regard that the Masai society has for the well-being of children. Their number one priority consistently remains to protect the young. Even modern warriors without children respond with the traditional answer that all the children are well.

One of our district core beliefs also affirms that students are our first priority. Despite challenges and adversity, we strive to support and promote the social and emotional well-being of our students. The theme of Superintendent’s Conference Day on Oct. 5 was resiliency, specifically targeting ways that we as staff have the ability to reduce students’ risk for negative outcomes.

Resilience is what gives people the psychological strength to cope with stress and hardship and overcome adversity. Our students face a wide range of challenges, some more minor such as not receiving the best grade on a test and some more significant such as dealing with a tragedy. By equipping our teachers and staff with the skills to foster an atmosphere of resiliency, we can help our students overcome challenges and discover personal and academic success.

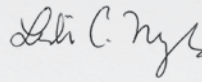
In the beginning of the year I introduced our theme for the school year: what’s your why? This challenges you to reflect upon what

drives you to do what you do. Just as our district’s priority is our students, our students are my personal why. I am driven by the desire to provide the highest caliber of education to each and every one of our students. I love seeing our students succeed just as much as I do watching them overcome life’s challenges.

As you will see throughout the pages of this publication, our students are doing incredible things every day, thanks to the contributions of their families, staff and community members. Approximately 3,000 people transformed our campus into a sea of blue and white for our homecoming celebration on Sept. 28. More than 600 students were accompanied by families and classmates to promote a healthy lifestyle in celebration of Walk to School Day on Oct. 3. A Brockport High School reading initiative outlined on page 10 is bringing students, staff, parents and the community together in conversation. All in all we are off to an amazing start of the school year.

I look forward to learning what the rest of the year has in store and I leave you with the question, what’s your why?

Yours in Education,



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



Lesli C. Myers, Ed.D.

## What’s your why?

Dr. Lesli C. Myers brought this year’s theme to life through a video that was shared with staff during Opening Day on Sept. 4.

“With the new school year comes new opportunities,” said Myers. “New opportunities to push the boundaries, new opportunities to make an impact and new opportunities to rediscover your why.”

This year’s theme challenges students, staff and the community to answer the question, “what’s your why?”

“Life becomes worth living when you find purpose,” said Myers. “When you have a purpose, a why, you open the door to success. Having a why gives you the strength and the courage to get back up when you are knocked down. Having a why gives you the drive to keep pushing forward. Having a why gives you the power to reach your dreams.”



The Opening Day video features prominent members of the community reflecting on the theme and sharing their motivation in life.

Participants include:

Margay Blackman, mayor of Brockport

Mark Cuzzupoli, police chief of the Brockport Police Department

Jeffrey Harradine, vice president of the BCSD Board of Education

Dr. Heidi Macpherson, president of The College at Brockport

Caurie Putnam, columnist at the Democrat and Chronicle

Lynn Rodrigues, president of the PTSA

Dr. Howard Ward, associate vice president of financial administration at RIT

Jimmy Zisovski, owner of Jimmy Z’s

Watch their inspiring stories in the video posted on our website at [bcs1.org/openingday2018](http://bcs1.org/openingday2018).

# Instruction Office Highlights

*By Assistant to the Superintendent for Elementary Instruction Susan Hasenauer*

The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) provides states and districts with increased autonomy to create their own accountability systems. On Tuesday, Sept. 18, the Office of Instruction completed a public presentation regarding what ESSA entails and the changes between ESSA and the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB).

Participants examined the following:

- New ways to identify schools for support and interventions
- New goals and broader measures of student success beyond test scores
- Interventions determined locally, not by the US Department of Education
- School-focused planning and district-led support
- More options for teacher and principal training
- New focus on educator equity and effectiveness
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A distinct focus of the presentation was on the broader measures of student success beyond test scores. Board of education trustees and community members were able to understand how multi cohort rates for graduation, English language proficiency, chronic absenteeism and career and college readiness play into a district's accountability status in collaboration with academic achievement. In the future, suspension rates will be added. These different indicators allow a district to be measured in multiple ways versus just on proficiency.

"We are driven by our mission to engage and empower each student to achieve excellence as a learner and citizen," said Dr. Lesli C. Myers, superintendent of schools. "The Every Student Succeeds Act reaffirms our commitment to the success of all groups and subgroups of students. Specifically, it allows us to make adjustments where necessary to determine meaningful next steps for cross-sections of students who are not reaching academic success."

Change has also created opportunity. Based on district need and desire, The College at Brockport and the district have collaborated together to create a Diversity Certification Program focused on being culturally competent and aware of our own implicit biases. This emphasis on educator equity and effectiveness allows us to create a program aligned with our vision and mission and focus on educational experiences for our staff that broaden their knowledge of diversity, equity, multiculturalism, social justice and inclusive excellence.

Lastly, the commissioner of education has also listened to feedback from stakeholders and the regents signed off on a final round of changes to regulations that no longer force schools to spend funds on advertisement or campaigns to boost test participation. Overall, there is still a great deal to understand regarding the full ramifications of the new accountability provisions; however, there is also great opportunity for enhanced professional development and new programs that will enhance the learning of all students. For access to the presentation, please use the following link: [bcs1.org/essa](https://bcs1.org/essa).

## Diversity Certification Program

Brockport Central School District and The College at Brockport have partnered together in an effort to promote diversity and inclusion through the launch of the Diversity Certification Program. The program aims to equip faculty and staff from both institutions with effective teaching strategies to increase cultural intelligence, thus promoting student success.

"This program is a significant breakthrough in adapting to the shifting demographics in our nation," said Superintendent of Schools Dr. Lesli C. Myers. "As changes are evident in public school classrooms, it is crucial that cultural intelligence and a commitment to diversity and inclusion are a priority. Brockport Central School District is proud to be part of this innovative opportunity."

Participants will receive formal cultural and academic training on how to successfully engage and interact with students in 11 targeted cultural/demographic groups and subject areas. In addition, each participant will be required to complete 10 hours of experiential learning in an approved culturally focused

community/corporate organization that supports the content developed within training sessions.

The inaugural cohort is comprised of approximately 30 people, half from Brockport Central School District and half from The College at Brockport. They attended a welcome breakfast on Sept. 12 to review the program mission, outline, expectations and assessments. The program will occur over the duration of one academic year.



*Diversity Certification Program Breakfast on Sept. 12*

## Emergency procedure review

The safety and security of students and staff remains a priority at Brockport Central School District. Each year we review our emergency policies and procedures to ensure students, staff and families know how to respond in the event of an emergency.

### Automated messaging

The district uses SchoolMessenger, an automated messaging system, to quickly communicate with families via phone and email. In the event of an emergency, such as a lockout or lockdown, calls will be made to all parent/guardian's home, work and cell phone numbers, along with emergency contacts 1-4 listed on the Student Profile Form updated every September (or when there is a change in contact information). The text of the messages will also be sent via email. Additionally, those who have downloaded the Brockport CSD mobile application will be notified via a push notification. If you do

not have the mobile app and would like to download it, search for "Brockport Central" in your device's app store.

The district will periodically use the automated messaging system to share other important information such as open house reminders or last minute event changes. Information classified as "non-emergency" will be sent only to the primary home phone numbers and email addresses on file.

### Website alerts

Additional information during emergency situations will also be posted on the district's website and social media accounts when deemed appropriate. You may find the information on our website at [bcs1.org](http://bcs1.org) or by searching @brockportcsd on Facebook or Twitter. Please remember to check these resources and refrain from calling your child's school in the event of an emergency so district personnel can focus their attention on the safety of

students.

### Lockouts and lockdowns

People often use the terms lockout and lockdown interchangeably. At Brockport CSD, a lockout is initiated when there is a potential risk outside the building or district (i.e., an armed person is threatening the community; a suspicious condition, chemical spill or rabid/aggressive animal exists in the area). During a lockout, exterior doors and windows are locked, outside activities are terminated and instruction continues as normal inside the building.

A lockdown is initiated when there is an impending risk to the building or district (i.e., an armed/violent/aggressive person threatening or attacking a school building or the district; an imminent threat that may involve a specific building or the district). In this case, the same protocols would be followed for a lockout, however, classroom doors are locked and instruction is halted.

## How parents and guardians can help during emergency situations

- Listen carefully to automated phone calls and messages you receive. Please listen to the entire message, then visit the district's website for more information at [www.bcs1.org](http://www.bcs1.org).
- Don't panic. Just like you, we make your children's safety our main priority. We have solid procedures in place to keep them safe. We practice emergency drills multiple times each year with our students and staff and consistently review our safety procedures.
- Avoid calling your child's school. We will notify you as more information becomes available.
- Don't rush to campus. If there is an actual emergency on our campus where law enforcement or emergency personnel need to respond, it is critical to keep the campus clear so they can quickly resolve the situation.
- Keep your contact information up to date. It is important to have a current email address on file in addition to home, work and cell phone numbers.

**Please remember to notify the registrar's office when your contact information changes at 585-637-1857 or [registrar@bcs1.org](mailto:registrar@bcs1.org).**

### Safety Tipline

You can help keep Brockport CSD safe! Contact the district's confidential Safety Tipline if you are aware of any activity that could potentially put students, staff or our school property at risk. Call 1-877-453-0006 or visit [www.bcs1.org/tipline](http://www.bcs1.org/tipline). In the event of an emergency, call 911.

## New entrance system at District Office

Brockport Central School District continuously strives to enhance its safety measures by reviewing current practices and making improvements where possible. This process led to the installation of a new entrance system at the District Office.



Once visitors walk through the main entrance of the District Office, they will need to select the button on the video intercom system that corresponds to the office of their visit: Business Office, Human Resources/Superintendent's Office, Office of Inclusive Education, Office of Instruction and Registration and Records. A representative from that office will answer, inquire the person's purpose for visiting and then unlock the second set of doors once deemed safe.

Prior to the installation of the new video intercom system, the main entrance to the District Office was unlocked during the school day. The new system adds a layer of security and ensures everyone who enters the building has a valid reason. Should anyone suspicious attempt to enter, the representative in the building has the ability to contact security and/or the police.

Thank you for your partnership in keeping Brockport CSD students and staff safe!

## Meet our new administrators

### Assistant superintendent for human resources

**Name:** Jerilee DiLalla



**Background:** This is my 12th year in HR. I spent a few years working in the private sector hiring nurses for a healthcare company. After a while, I made the decision to transition to the public sector and found myself working in public education. I immediately fell in love with this industry and have been fortunate enough to have been working in it for the past eight years.

**Education:**

BA – Psychology-Niagara University  
MA – Human Resource Management-Nazareth College  
CAS-SDL – Niagara University  
SHRM-CP certification

**Family:** Married & four-legged fur mom

**Favorite color:** Navy blue

**Favorite food:** Sunday sauce

**Favorite movie:** Harry Potter – all of them

**What you're most looking forward to this year at BCSD:**

As an organization, we cannot reach our goals without the commitment and support of all staff. It has become abundantly clear to me that Brockport is a special place where everyone shares in the belief that every student belongs to each of us. I am looking forward to getting out into the buildings/attending school events so that I can get to know staff and learn more about what excites them, what drives them and what personal goals they have for themselves.

### Brockport High School assistant principal

**Name:** Christina Wawrzyniak



**Background:** Math grades 5-12, special education grades 7-12, K-12 building admin and district admin certifications

**Education:** Undergrad Math Education - Niagara University, Masters in Math/Science/Technology Education and Masters in Educational Leadership from SJFC

**Family:** Husband, Adam Wawrzyniak, and three kids: Mikaela (6), Maximus (4), Marco (15 mo)

**Favorite color:** Blue

**Favorite food:** Italian

**Favorite movie:** The Notebook

**What you're most looking forward to this year at BCSD:** Getting to know the community and becoming connected to the staff, students, families and businesses.



### Hill School acting assistant principal

**Name:** Jennifer Cooper



**Background:** I have worked within the Brockport Central School District for 12 years. I have had experience as a reading teacher, kindergarten teacher and a first grade teacher at Ginther Elementary. I was also the adjunct instructor for the America Reads program at The College at Brockport. For the past four years I have worked as the principal for our Literacy Summer School program. I love working here at Brockport!

**Education:** Masters in Education and Special Education, CAS in Educational Administration (SBL/SDL)

**Family:** I have one daughter, Mya, who is going to turn one in October and my husband Graham

**Favorite color:** Pink

**Favorite food:** Birthday Cake Protein Shake and any kind of cheese!

**Favorite movie:** Any Minion movie

**What you're most looking forward to this year at BCSD:**

I am looking forward to seeing what this year will bring! I am excited each day I come to work because I love working with the students. I also love how each day is completely different and more challenging than the day prior. It makes my day when each student says "hello" to me in the hallway. The students make my day each and every day!

## Welcome, new teachers and staff!

Our human resources team, school administrators and staff were hard at work this summer interviewing talented candidates to join Brockport Central School District.

Welcome to all our new staff members! Pictured to the right are new teachers and staff during New Teacher Orientation on Aug. 20.



# School HIGHLIGHTS

## Kindergarten Bus Orientation

Incoming kindergarteners had the opportunity to learn school bus safety tips and relieve any anxiety they might have had about riding the bus for the first time during Kindergarten Bus Orientation on Aug. 8 – 9. Students cycled through stations where they learned important practices such as how to get on and off the bus and what to do in the event of an emergency evacuation. They also discussed proper bus behavior and even went for a ride on the bus with their parents and guardians.



## Alternative seating at Barclay

Many Barclay teachers have integrated alternative seating into their classrooms to create an environment of flexible learning. Stools, scoop chairs, stability balls and wobble stools are some of the various seating options that may be seen throughout the school. Every teacher has at least one Hokki Stool, an ergonomic stool that transforms stationary sitting into an activity. The goal of flexible seating is to empower students and promote innovative learning while accommodating various needs.



## Breaking out of the Hill Library

Fifth-grade students used teamwork and problem-solving skills to successfully complete a Breakout EDU activity during library orientation this September. Breakout EDU is an immersive learning platform that requires critical thinking, creativity and collaboration.



Four groups worked to solve a clue, crack a code and retrieve a clue for the next group. Group One set the challenge rolling with a success, which led to Group Two's clue and so on until their combined achievement resulted in a victory for the whole group. Students learned new procedures and expectations and gained an appreciation of using skillful communication and collaboration to meet a common goal (all while having some fun in the process!).

## OMS Family Open House



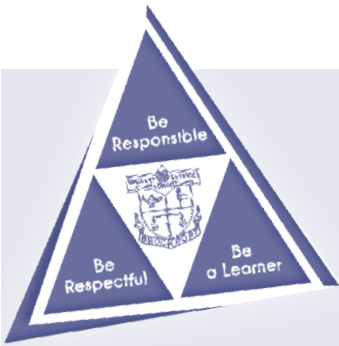
Oliver Middle School transformed its former Parent Curriculum Night into a Family Open House this year. The event, held on Sept. 13, allowed students to show their families around the building

and introduce them to their teachers. The administrative team shared short presentations throughout the evening and families learned about team expectations, the curriculum and Oliver Essentials. Families also learned where grades are posted, how to access assignments and how to contact teachers. Information about clubs and extracurricular activities was available throughout the night and families enjoyed purchasing dinner from three different food trucks at the school. School administrators hope to continue the format of the event again next year.

## BHS Moment of Caring

Brockport High School students had the opportunity to build community and beautify the district campus in preparation for homecoming during a Moment of Caring on Sept. 27. Students signed up for various activities such as reading and assisting in elementary classrooms, gardening outside different schools and chalking inspirational messages outside of the high school.





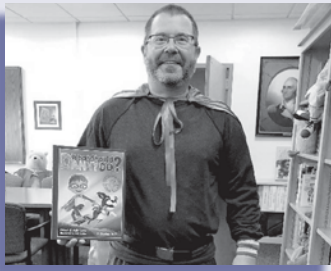
## Jumping back into PBIS!

Our Positive Behavior Interventions and Support (PBIS) teams at each school worked diligently this past summer to develop kickoff celebrations to review the K-12 universal expectations of be respectful, be responsible and be a learner. Each school incorporates the framework using age-appropriate strategies that reinforce academic and social behaviors to create positive school environments.

### OMS

By Jessica Barton and Jerrod Roberts

Once again at OMS we had an amazing PBIS kickoff that focused on establishing a positive culture to start the 2018-19 school year. Differentiated lessons were used to reteach students the building expectations, but we also included a new introductory assembly that introduced staff and included our first team competition. Students and staff were excited to come together and set the tone to be respectful, responsible, learners this year!



### Barclay

By Alana Roberts and Jodie Shatzel

This year we will be reinforcing positive decision-making skills utilizing the text, “What Should Danny Do?” by Ganit and Adir Levy. The whole school met “Danny” at our first assembly in September and will have opportunities to interact with him throughout the year. We continue to recognize our students by allowing them to earn drops as Bucket Fillers. Be sure to ask your child(ren) what it means to be a Barclay Bucket Filler.

### Hill

By Jennifer Cooper and Jilleen Corner

Hill School had an amazing kickoff with our students! We demonstrated what it looks like when students follow our core beliefs, “Be Respectful,” “Be Responsible” and to “Be a Learner.” We called up model students from last year and their teachers from last year spoke about their positive characteristics. We had t-shirt giveaways and Hill Hawk Ticket winners received prizes during our drawings. It was a hit and students had a blast!



### Ginther

By Kristin Barber and Mitch Daly

The students at Ginther School did an amazing job learning about the 3 B's and how important it is to follow them in all areas of the school. As part of our kick-off assembly the students were asked questions pertaining to the 3 B's. Then, students really enjoyed seeing teachers participate in a skit about following directions the first time and lining up appropriately. We introduced our theme “you have the power to choose,” and teachers modeled a think aloud about what the right choice in these situations would be. We look forward to continuing these scenarios with the “power to choose” day every Tuesday morning as part of announcements!

### BHS

By Lauren Phillips and Christina Wawrzyniak

The high school kicked off the school year with a series of grade-level assemblies reminding students of expectations at the high school. Students utilized Mentimeter to give feedback on knowledge of the six pillars, as well as rewards that may motivate them. High school students also had the opportunity to participate in our annual “Lunch on the Lawn” celebration. Students enjoyed lunch outside, played games, participated in raffles with the PTSA and a few even had the opportunity to pie their favorite administrator in the face. A strong start to an excellent 2018-19 school year!





## 1:1 initiative creates digital age learners

By Instructional Technology Coach Vincy Murgillo and Director of Technology Anthony Smith

Whether advancing to college or career after high school, students will be required to use technology to some degree making digital skills fluency a prerequisite for success. Brockport CSD's Digital Readiness 1:1 Initiative aspires to prepare our students to be digital age learners and citizens. With careful planning, teachers leverage technology to ensure that each student's needs are met. Using Microsoft Office 365 and Schoology teachers manage class materials and enable students to access online files and resources, participate in online discussions and create products individually and collaboratively. In addition, students may use Office 365 apps and other tools to demonstrate their learning by creating multimedia presentations such as videos, websites, CAD blueprints and podcasts.

The district completed its transition to 1:1 with the final installment of laptops over the summer. At the secondary level 1,830 student laptops were distributed. Students in high school have the opportunity to take their devices home with them. Middle school students are assigned laptops that are picked up and returned to their home base classrooms each day. Hill School students follow the same model as the middle school. Barclay classrooms have carts with sets of 20 laptops and Ginther has 520 iPads for students in kindergarten and first grade.

To ensure digital literacy is aligned and consistent within and across grade levels, the district is using the International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE) standards for students as a roadmap for curriculum integration. ISTE's seven student standards describe the skills and knowledge students need to

thrive, grow and contribute in a global, interconnected and constantly changing society. The standards will be integrated over a two- to three-year period. This year, the focus is on:

- Empowered Learner – Basic skills for using technology and troubleshooting, keyboarding skills, internet and networking
- Digital Citizenship – Responsible use, health and wellness, privacy and safety
- Knowledge Constructor – Research and information, validating online resources, intellectual property and citing sources
- Creative Communicator – Word processing, multimedia creation

The remaining standards include Innovative Designer, Computational Thinker and Global Collaborator. The district is committed to providing technology to be used as an instructional tool. Students balance using technology with other materials, tools and activities.

The future of the 1:1 initiative will build upon teacher pedagogy, district initiatives and the needs of our student population. We are seeing digital schools transitioning from desktops to the mobile world which allows for educational growth within the district and now at home. Future technologies are geared toward providing an immersive experience in the classroom and we expect to see this technology soon in our classrooms.

## Infinite Campus releases new mobile apps



Infinite Campus launched two new mobile applications this past September. Campus Student (for students) and Campus Parent (for parents) were designed to replace the existing Campus Portal with a more intuitive and user-friendly experience.

The apps provide real-time access to grades, assignments, attendance, schedules, announcements and more. To download the apps, visit the app store on your mobile device.

*If you are using the old Infinite Campus app, please delete it and download the new app. The old app will no longer be supported.*



## Practicing healthy habits on Walk to School Day

Visit our Facebook page to see additional photos from Walk to School Day!



Gray skies and a bit of drizzle did not darken spirits on International Walk to School Day celebrated for the 13th consecutive year in Brockport on Oct. 3. Walk to School Day promotes the benefits of a healthy lifestyle while encouraging safe walking and community engagement. Thousands of schools around the world participate in the event each year.

This year 683 Brockport CSD students walked, biked and scooted to school. Barclay School won the coveted Walk to School Day trophy with 44 percent school participation. Hill and Ginther followed with 38 percent and 37 percent respectively. New this year was the addition of a plaque that will live at the middle school. Each year the grade level with the highest percent participation from OMS will get their class level engraved into the plaque. Kudos to the sixth-grade class for winning the plaque this year!



Families who wanted to participate but lived too far away to walk had the opportunity to begin at one of two park-and-walk locations: Bill Gray's and Our Village Optician. Both locations were complete with tents containing apples donated by Kalir Farms, trinkets of appreciation and selfie stations provided by the

PTSA. Student-athletes from The College at Brockport men's baseball and women's basketball were stationed at both locations to interact with students and accompany them on their walk to campus.



Thank you to the Brockport Police Department, Monroe County Sheriff's Office and community volunteers who ensured safe crossing for our students on their journey to school!

The fun continued on campus with water and selfie stations contributed by the PTSA located at all three of the elementary schools and Oliver Middle School, along with apples donated by Robb Farms and Sodoma Farms. Music resonated through the air, courtesy of the high school band Element 36. Coffee donated by Tim Hortons was distributed to adult walkers by the Kiwanis Club and FLEC and Key Club members lined the sidewalks and provided encouragement to student walkers and their families.



The event was organized locally by the Walk to School Subcommittee of Walk! Bike! Brockport! Thank you to the subcommittee, students, families, staff, PTSA, community groups and all who made the day a success!

## National School Bus Safety Week Oct. 22 - 26

National School Bus Safety Week is held during the third full week of October every year to address the importance of school bus safety. This year's theme is "My Driver - My Safety Hero!"



In recognition of National School Bus Safety Week, please review the following reminders:

- Watch for buses and students walking alongside the road traveling to bus stops or school buildings.
- Pay attention to the flashing amber lights indicating that the school bus is preparing to stop and red lights signifying that children are getting on or off the school bus.
- Stop when the red lights are flashing; it's New York State law.
- Know that Brockport school bus drivers are trained to pull over to relieve traffic, but only when they are able to do so safely.

Remember, the key is to remain alert. Thank you for your partnership in helping create a safe environment for our students, bus drivers and community members and a special thank you to our bus drivers and transportation department staff who have the crucial role of ensuring our students get to and from school safely!

**We're hiring!**  
Interested in joining our transportation team?  
Call 637-1807!

# Homecoming 2018

A powerful sense of community was prevalent during Brockport Central School District's homecoming celebration on Sept. 28! An estimated 3,000 people gathered to show their school spirit during the festival, parade and football game.



Celebrations commenced on Monday as each school kicked off Spirit Week. Themed days consisted of Holiday Day (or Disney Day for elementary students), America Day, Meme/Vine Day (or Beach Day for elementary students), Neon Day and Blue and White Day. Enthusiasm grew Friday afternoon as the middle and high schools gathered for pep rallies where classes competed in various games to build momentum for the evening. Following the high school pep rally, the varsity football and cheerleading teams paraded through Ginther School as our youngest learners beamed and gave out high fives.

The homecoming parade also drummed up lots of excitement as bands, clubs, sports teams, alumni and other community groups made their way through campus passing out candy and promoting a sense of school pride. Each high school class decorated a float according to this year's theme, Music Through the Decades. Seniors, juniors, sophomores and freshmen represented the 1980s, 1970s, 1920s and 1950s, respectively. The floats were judged by a panel comprised of Dr. Cephas Archie (chief diversity officer for The College at Brockport), Dr. Rachel Kluth (assistant to the superintendent for secondary instruction), Lynn Rodrigues (PTSA president), Tricia White (PTSA vice president) and Jimmy Z (owner of Jimmy Z's). The senior class took the win with their impressive 1980s float complete with live music and a smoke machine.

Following the parade countless families made their way to the high school for the fourth annual homecoming festival. The food trucks were a hit as always and student-run carnival games provided entertainment for our younger community members.

The homecoming festivities concluded with the varsity football game against the Hilton Cadets at the Dahn Walrath Stadium. Although the Blue Devils were defeated in their run for the historic Cider Jug, school spirit prevailed and fun was had by all.

Thank you to the class of 2019 and all who contributed to an incredible homecoming celebration!



Visit our Facebook page to see additional photos from homecoming

## One school, one book

An account of a Democratic Republic of Congo refugee who endured the unthinkable and relocated to Rochester is bringing Brockport High School students and staff together in a reading project.

BHS students are reading the book titled "How Dare the Sun Rise: Memoirs of a War Child," by Sandra Uwiringiyimana. The book, which students have access to on their laptops and digital devices, is about strength and resilience through the eyes of a child who decided to turn adversity into an opportunity for advocacy.

Brockport High School staff are also reading the book and engaging in conversations with students during social studies classes and in advisement. Parents interested in reading the book are encouraged to join in the discussion.

The project will come to life during its culmination on Nov. 29 when the author will visit the high school to bring first hand insight to the students. Further, the project extends beyond the walls of the high school into the greater community as the author will visit the Seymour Library that evening. Parents and members of the community are invited to attend the event at Seymour. Uwiringiyimana will speak at 6:30 p.m. and the Brockport PTSA is hosting a reception to follow. Books are available at the Brockport High School Library, through the Monroe County Library System and at Lift Bridge Book Shop. For more information contact the Seymour Library at 637-1050 or the Brockport High School Library at 637-7449, ext. 7845.

# Capital improvement project – what’s new?

## Celebrating our new artificial turf athletic field

Students, staff, community members, athletic teams, local dignitaries, construction partners and district officials gathered for a ribbon cutting ceremony on Sept. 14 to celebrate the new artificial turf athletic field in the Dahn Walrath Memorial Stadium.



*Board President Terry Ann Carbone and Superintendent Dr. Lesli Myers cut the ribbon on the new field*

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Lesli C. Myers and Board of Education President Terry Ann Carbone thanked the many individuals who dedicated time and advocacy throughout several years to make the turf field a reality, then Athletic Director Todd Hagreen spoke on behalf of the athletes who benefit from the new field. Senator Joseph Robach expressed congratulatory remarks then turned the microphone over to Legislators Mike Rockow and Mike Zale, who presented a certificate of recognition on behalf of the Monroe Country Legislature for the grand opening of the new field.

The speakers ceremoniously cut the ribbon as cheers and applause filled the stands.

The event concluded as the Brockport Blue Devils Varsity Football Team sprinted onto the field and broke through a banner before taking on Brighton.

*The artificial turf athletic field was part of the capital improvement project approved by voters on May 16, 2017. Stadium turf boasts many benefits, including increased outdoor use for all students, the elimination of mowing, striping and chemical usage, more level and consistent field conditions and additional opportunities for school and community groups.*



*Present and former board members celebrate the new field*



*Speakers received plaques featuring pieces of the turf field*

## Fun on the new playgrounds



*Rebecca Cucit's first-grade class loves their new playground at Ginther*

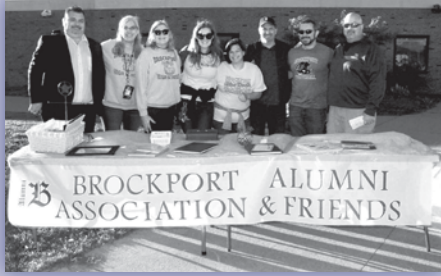


*Fourth-grader Emily Gonzalez enjoys the new playground at Hill*

## Capital Improvement Project Phase Two

Phase two of the 2017 Capital Improvement Project has been submitted to the New York State Education Department for review. Phase two includes projects such as the construction of secure vestibules in the school main entrances, reconstruction of bus loop/parking areas and tennis court replacements. This work is expected to occur next summer.

## BHS Alumni Association and Friends



The membership committee represented the BHS Alumni Association and Friends at homecoming on Sept. 28.

The Brockport High School Alumni Association and Friends is a group dedicated to creating a bridge between the school district, alumni and community. Membership dues are \$10 per year or \$100 for a lifetime and can be purchased on the association's website at [bhsalumniny.com](http://bhsalumniny.com).

Meetings will be held in the high school LGI at 6:30 p.m. on the following dates:

Nov. 26, 2018      May 20, 2019  
Feb. 25, 2019      Aug. 26, 2019

All are welcome to attend.

### Stay in touch!

**Facebook**

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Membership is not limited to alumni. Anyone who has worked for the district or is part of the community is invited to join!

## Four names added to Athletic Wall of Honor

Passion and dedication earned four individuals places on the district's Athletic Wall of Honor. The following inductees were honored during a ceremony on Oct. 5 in the OMS cafeteria: Peter Agostinelli, athlete, Class of 1987; Casey Balog, athlete, Class of 2003; Jill Finkbeiner-Boadway, athlete, Class of 1992; and Chris Zorn, coach.



The Athletic Wall of Honor recognizes those who have made an impact on the district's interscholastic athletic program. Each inductee is honored with a plaque containing his/her name and biography, which is placed on the Athletic Wall of Honor. For nomination details, visit [www.bcs1.org/athletics](http://www.bcs1.org/athletics).

## Oldest Class Ring Contest

A keepsake from his grandfather earned BHS junior Royce Breslawski a free class ring from Jostens. Jostens challenged Brockport High School sophomores, juniors and seniors to the Oldest Brockport Class Ring Contest.

Breslawski brought in a ring from his grandfather from the class of 1955.

Congratulations, Royce!



## Farm to Table to Excellence Dinner

The BEST (Building Excellence in Students Today) in Brockport Education Foundation's second annual Farm to Table Excellence Dinner held on Sept. 22 at Kirby's Farm Market was an immense success. The event sold out with 100 tickets purchased and raised more than \$6,000 to support BCSD students and staff.

The evening featured live music, wagon rides, appetizers and a locally-sourced

dinner. The foundation is grateful for the support and sponsorship from the dinner's attendees, Kirby's Farm Market, Mahan's, Stoneyard, Standard Time, Wegmans, Harris Beach PLLC, LaBella Associates, M&T Bank, Sunnking, Alicia C. Fink Jewelry Design of Brockport, The Red Bird Cafe and Gift Shop, Kiwanis Club of Brockport, Terry Ann and Fred Carbone, Lynn and Bryan Moulton, Richard and Joan Fenton, Leslie and Doug Bull and Jeffrey and Sarah Harradine.



The BEST in Brockport Education Foundation aims to enhance the educational opportunities and experiences of BCSD's students through the funding of grants, scholarships and programs.

# PTSA News

By Lynn Rodrigues, PTSA president

Fall has been busy for the Brockport Central PTSA!

## Check out what we have been doing so far this year...

Our devoted PTSA volunteers helped with bus duty to guide our Ginther students to their buses and classrooms the first two weeks of school.

They also dedicated their time to helping our kindergartners in the cafeteria during their first experiences with school lunch!

### We had huge turnouts at both of our September PTSA meetings!

Thank you to the devoted parents, family members, staff and principals that came to share information on our schools, safety procedures and upcoming events!

### Our PTSA volunteers helped make the BHS Lunch on the Lawn a huge success again this year!



We hosted games to win raffle tickets that provided many lucky students with the opportunity to pie the assistant principals with whipped cream in the face!

Four lucky students also won movie tickets!

We had almost 800 students, family, and staff wear our 2018 Homecoming T-shirts this year!



You all looked great supporting our Brockport Blue Devils!

Ginther Birthday Books were handed out to classrooms so each student will get a book for their special day from PTSA.

## Events and opportunities coming up soon...



### Hill School Book Fair Nov. 5-8 G.R.A.N.D. Lunch Nov. 5

Grandparents, Relatives, Aunts & Uncles,  
Neighbors & Devoted caretakes Lunch  
Flyer with details coming home soon!

### OMS Book Fair Oct. 29-Nov. 1



### Upcoming PTSA meeting dates

- OMS meetings - Dec. 10, Feb. 4
- Elementary meetings - Nov. 15, Dec. 20

Children are always welcome at meetings!

### The PTSA Membership Drive ends Oct. 31!

Make sure you submit your membership before the deadline to qualify for a chance to win fun prizes!



### Ginther Book Fair Dec. 3-7

### Cookies, Crafts & Cocoa Family Night!

Tuesday, Dec. 4 • 6-8 p.m.



## Milestone years of service

Sixty-seven BCSD staff members were recognized for their extended dedication to our district and milestone years of service. They have a combined 1,155 milestone years of service, ranging in increments of five from 10 to 30 years. Honorees were presented with certificates during their school or department meetings this fall. For a complete list of service award recipients and photos, visit [bcs1.org/openingday2018](http://bcs1.org/openingday2018).



District Office service award recipients



Food Service Department service award recipients



OMS service award recipients

## School Board Recognition Week

Oct. 22-28, 2018

In celebration of School Board Recognition Week, Brockport Central School District would like to extend its sincere gratitude to the Brockport Central School District Board of Education!

Our board members spend countless hours dedicated to supporting our students and raising student achievement. They continuously advocate for our students and create a shared vision for the future of education.

A special thank you to our 2018 Board of Education:

- President Terry Ann Carbone
- Vice President Jeffrey Harradine
- Trustee David Howlett
- Trustee Daniel Legault  
*(not pictured)*
- Trustee Robert Lewis
- Trustee Kathleen Robertson
- Trustee Michael Turbeville



Visit our website at [bcs1.org/boe](http://bcs1.org/boe) for a special tribute to our board members both past and present in honor of School Board Recognition Week

## Urban Suburban Program Orientation

Dr. Lesli C. Myers welcomes students during the Urban Suburban Program Orientation on Aug. 23 - Tyler Seth (fourth grade), Londyn Newton (fourth grade), Rasheim Brooks (fourth grade), Za'Mirah Aiken (second grade), Remiel Melendez (third grade), Armani Alexander (fifth grade) and Dae'Jon Davidson (sixth grade).



## Board of Education Reorganization Meeting

The Brockport Central School District Board of Education held its annual reorganization meeting on July 10. During the meeting, newly appointed board members Robert Lewis and Michael Turbeville took the oath of office to serve five-year terms.

The oath of office was also administered to Terry Ann Carbone and Jeffrey Harradine, who were elected to serve as president and vice president, respectively.

Superintendent Dr. Lesli C. Myers, District Treasurer Jill Reichhart and District Clerk Stephanie Williams were sworn in as well.

Regular board meetings are typically held on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 6 p.m. in the District Board Room. Meetings are open to the public.

# Congrats, summer graduates!

Our summer graduates were honored during a ceremony prior to the board meeting on Sept. 4. Superintendent Dr. Lesli C. Myers and Brockport High School Principal Dr. Brian Weller shared words of wisdom and messages of encouragement before the seniors were awarded their diplomas. The graduates and their families then enjoyed a reception with cake and photo opportunities.



Left to right: Donald Fisher, Rylie Freida, Anthony Wankowski, Destiny Weezorak; not pictured: Marisa Kyle



## Red Ribbon Week

Oct. 23 – 31

Join BCSD in taking a stand against drugs during Red Ribbon Week! The Red Ribbon Campaign is the oldest and largest drug prevention campaign in the country. Red Ribbon Week takes place every year from Oct. 23 – 31 and serves as an opportunity to kick off the conversation about drug prevention.

This year's theme is "Life Is Your Journey, Travel Drug Free." BHS and OMS will host a variety of activities throughout Red Ribbon Week to raise awareness and take a stand against drugs.

If you have questions or feel that your child may be using drugs, please contact our Delphi Prevention Counselor Krystal Crawford via email at [krystal.crawford@bcs1.org](mailto:krystal.crawford@bcs1.org) or phone at 637-1975. Resources and tips for talking to your children about drugs are available on our website at [bcs1.org](http://bcs1.org) under Families, then Parent Resources.

## Girls of the Gridiron

Brockport High School Student Council held its annual Girls of the Gridiron game on Sept. 27 to raise money and collect food for the local food shelf. More than \$800 was raised and eight boxes of food collected. The food was divided between the Hamlin Food Shelf and Brockport Food Shelf. Thank you to everyone who contributed towards a successful event!



## Fun Run promotes fun and fitness

Blue skies, school spirit and camaraderie made the 2018 Cross Country Fun Run a success! More than 275 students in grades 2-6 participated in this year's event on Sept. 28. The cross country team built excitement as they led each group in warm-ups before the horn sounded to signal

the start of each race. Students in grades 4-6 ran a full mile and students in grades 2-3 completed a half mile course, all of which started and ended at the high school stadium. Each group was cheered on by classmates, their families and cross country team members. All participants were awarded ribbons at the conclusion of their races. Thank you to the student participants, cross country team, physical education teachers, PTSA, staff and families for making it a wonderful event!





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### Early release drill reminder

**B**CSDD will conduct an early release drill on Wednesday, Oct. 31. All schools will be dismissed 15 minutes early. As such, all buses are scheduled to depart 15 minutes early. Please remember to make alternate transportation arrangements for your child if necessary. This drill does not impact UPK. We practice safety drills such as this periodically to ensure students and staff know how to respond in the event of an emergency.



## BROCKPORT HIGH SCHOOL DRAMA CLUB PRESENTS

# Shrek the Musical



Nov. 8-10 at 7 p.m. and Nov. 11 at 2 p.m.

### Brockport High School Auditorium

Based on the Oscar-winning DreamWorks Animation film, “Shrek the Musical” is a Tony Award-winning fairytale adventure, featuring all new songs from Jeanine Tesori (known for work in “Thoroughly Modern Millie” and “Caroline, or Change”) and a sidesplitting book by David Lindsay-Abaire. Shrek brings all the beloved characters you know from the film to life on stage and proves there’s more to the story than meets the ears.

“Once upon a time, there was a little ogre named Shrek...” And thus, begins the tale of an unlikely hero who finds himself on a life-changing journey alongside a wisecracking donkey and a feisty princess who resists her rescue. Throw in a short-tempered bad guy, a cookie with an attitude and over a dozen other fairytale misfits, and you’ve got the kind of mess that calls for a real hero. Luckily, there’s one on hand and his name is Shrek. A story of diversity, dreams and love....you won’t want to miss it!

Advance-sale tickets are \$12 and can be purchased online at [www.showtix4u.com](http://www.showtix4u.com) or at the Brockport High School greeter’s desk during school hours. STARR Card students and groups of 10 or more get a discounted rate of \$10 per ticket. Tickets at the door will be \$15.



Sam Sevor (Lord Farquaad),  
Derek Scott (Shrek), Maria Ferris  
(Fiona) Claire Gratto (Donkey)

## Stay in touch!

### Download our app

The Brockport Central School District mobile application features easy access to school calendars, contact information, social media and more. Additionally, users will have the option to receive push notifications from the district and specific schools regarding closings and other updates.

The app is free and available for download on iPhones and Androids. Search for Brockport Central in your App Store or Google Play to find and download the app.



### Follow us on social media

BCSD maintains an active presence on Twitter and Facebook. These channels offer another way for the district to communicate news, photos and information with parents, families and community members. Find and like us on Facebook by searching @brockportcsd and follow us on Twitter at @brockportcsd.