

## RETURN TO SCHOOL

It is not unusual for fall to be a busy time of year for school districts. This year was unique due to COVID-19 and the New York State mandates and procedures that were put into place to ensure the safety and well-being of our students and staff.

Superintendent Bruno welcomed teachers and staff back to campus in early September. Professional development sessions provided training focused on health and safety, instructional models and remote learning technology. Staff

used this time to prepare and adjust lesson plans, adapt to new mandates/policies and incorporate technology into everyday instruction.

Our technology department worked continuously to make devices ready for distribution to students, teach new platforms and man the hotlines to ensure students, staff and families had the assistance they needed.

After six months of empty buildings and quiet halls, students and staff returned to

campus to begin the 2020-21 academic year on September 10 and 11. We opened our doors with a hybrid learning model, where the majority of students returned to campus two days a week with three days of remote learning. Our English Language Learners and some special education students are on campus four days a week. Under 30 percent of our students chose to begin the year learning remotely.

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Dear Brockport community,

As I write this column, we are beginning our sixth full week of instruction. During the return to school planning over the summer, some did not think we would be in school this long. I am proud that not only have we made it this far, but we have also been able to increase student opportunities by offering athletics and clubs.

Our elementary, middle and high school students have, in exemplary fashion, followed the health and safety protocols outlined for them. Additionally, families and staff have stepped up to help ensure the success of our students. I am extremely proud of our students, families, teachers, administrators and support staff. Everyone has worked hard to stay safe and adjust to our new policies, procedures and ways of learning. Students and staff are happy to be back, and there is a genuine positive atmosphere in our schools.

Creating our reopening plan was a major challenge. Our entire staff had to create procedures in every area of our district. Implementing the plan presented even more obstacles. Guidance from the Department of Health and the State Education Department has evolved, and our plan has evolved with it. With each decision, we have erred on the side of health and safety. I appreciate everyone's dedication, patience and support throughout the changes.

After safety, the most crucial element of our educational organization is learning. Our instructional staff has had to rewrite curriculum, engage in professional development, provide feedback on the reopening plan and creatively plan for new instructional models. Like the students, our teachers have had to relearn, adapt and restructure their thinking about school. I am exceedingly impressed with their efforts. As we enter November, we are focused on evaluating and improving our models to ensure we maximize learning for all cohort groups.

Our administrators created building-specific procedures to maintain health and safety. There are procedures on arrival/dismissal, mask breaks, safety drills, passing time, disinfecting, attendance, faculty meetings and student mental health needs. They spent the first two weeks ironing out any issues that surfaced. Our administrators are terrific problem-solvers and have done an excellent job throughout our reopening.

Along with these new procedures and learning models, it is important to note that we remain focused on caring for our students as if they were our own. You will notice in the picture, I am holding a student's hand. It was the first day of school and this young man needed support and assistance getting to his bus. I took care of him the way I would want my own children cared for. Please know

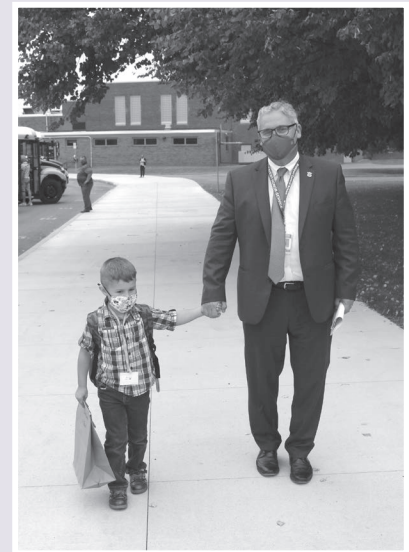
that while we weren't wearing gloves, we made certain our hands were sanitized.

As we look to the upcoming months, I strongly urge everyone to continue following safety protocols and guidelines, both in and outside of school. The more we adhere to these protocols in our everyday lives, the greater the chance we can continue to provide these opportunities for our students.

Sincerely,



Sean C. Bruno  
Superintendent of Schools



## International Walk to School Day

Since 1997, communities have been coming together for Walk to School Day. The Brockport Walk to School Committee and the Brockport Central School District have been participating in this event since 2005.

Due to the coronavirus pandemic, the event looked a bit different this year. While October 7, 2020 was the official Walk to School Day, this year families walked throughout the week of October 5-9, 2020. Given the social distancing guidelines and heightened safety mandates, the district did not have greeters or food/water stations on campus but did celebrate with their students. The week-long event promoted healthy habits and encouraged all students, on campus or at home, to be active.



# Keeping our schools safe

We all have a role to play in keeping our schools safe and preventing the spread of COVID-19. While on campus or on a bus, Brockport students, staff, families and visitors are required to wear proper face coverings and practice social distancing. Here is a look at how you can help us stay safe and remain open.

- **Student daily health screening:** Brockport students need to complete a home health screening each morning before getting on the bus or arriving to school. Parents/students should complete the screening through the link that is emailed to parents and students in grades 6-12. The emailed link is associated with student accounts and is used to monitor students in each building.
- **BCSD visitor/vendor health screening:** Any individual who enters a building on campus must complete a health screening prior to arrival. The visitor/vendor health screening can be found on the district website under the "Community" tab.

- **Stay home if you are sick:** If you have a temperature greater than 100 degrees or have signs of illness, DO NOT come to school. When in doubt, stay home and consult with your personal physician.
- **Wear a proper face covering:** BCSD requires that proper face coverings be worn on buses and in all school facilities. Wearing a mask helps slow the spread of COVID-19, which helps keep all of us healthy.
- **Social distance:** Stay six feet away from others whenever possible and respect other people's space.
- **Wash your hands:** Take every opportunity to wash your hands with soap and water, scrubbing for at least 20 seconds and rinsing well. If you cannot wash your hands, please frequently use alcohol-based hand sanitizer.

- **Avoid big crowds:** Unfortunately, assemblies and field trips are off limits right now. If you need to be in a line or a group of people, try to keep six feet of distance from them. Only two spectators per athlete are allowed to attend a sporting event. Lanyards will be distributed, and attendance will be taken at all schools.

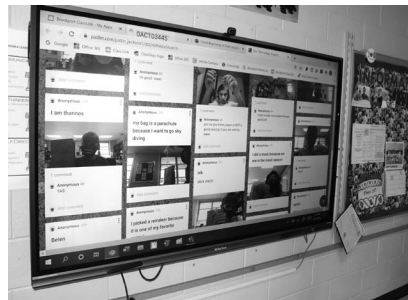


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## Return to school

Whether in the hybrid model or completely remote, students are adapting to a new way of learning. New technologies are being used within the classroom and at home, lessons are being completed in-person and virtually through SeeSaw and classmates and teachers are connecting for video calls through Microsoft Teams.

While some lessons are completed asynchronously, such as watching pre-recorded video lessons, others utilize new technology for synchronous learning. Sometimes, that includes streaming lessons live to students at home and other times it involves video conferences that



address topics such as social-emotional learning. On Wednesdays, when all students are remote, teachers provide live check-ins with their students.

We understand transitioning to remote learning and navigating the new technology can be challenging. To find more information on the district's hybrid and remote learning models, please see the district's website ([www.bcs1.org](http://www.bcs1.org)) under the "Reopening Plan: Hybrid and Remote Information" link. We also created a "Digital Resources" link with instructional videos, handbooks and contact information for the Technology Helpline and a link to the CEPACS Student Help Desk.

Although this academic year may look a bit different, the Brockport Central community has united and proven how strong it can be when faced with new challenges. Together we will make the 2020-21 year great!

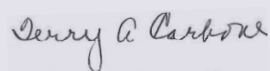


# BOE gives thanks

On behalf of the Board of Education, a huge thank you goes out to the faculty, staff, leadership teams, PTSA, volunteers, families and students at BCSD! You are an incredibly devoted team, working beyond all expectations.

We also understand the frustration and anxiety associated in trying to implement such an incredibly difficult undertaking, while remaining focused on creating conditions for success for all students. Our job has just begun, and there are still many unknowns. Through collaboration, patience and kindness we are evolving and improving every day. Continue to reach out for help and guidance. We are here for you and each other. Wishing you all the best in the 2020-2021 school year.

Sincerely,



Terry Ann Carbone, President  
Brockport Board of Education

## SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION WEEK

October 19 – 23, 2020 is National School Board Recognition week. Brockport Central School District extends its appreciation and gratitude to the Brockport Board of Education. Thank you for your many hours of service and your tireless dedication to our district. Board members were formally recognized for their service during the October 20 BOE meeting with an appreciation video.

### 2020-21 Board of Education members and years of service:

- President Terry Ann Carbone, 6 years
- Vice President Jeffery Harradine, 3 years
- Trustee David Howlett, 5 years
- Trustee Daniel Legault, 4 years
- Trustee Robert Lewis, 2 years
- Trustee Kathleen Robertson, 6 years
- Trustee Michael Turbeville, 2 years



## Board of Education reorganization meeting

The Brockport Central School District Board of Education held its annual reorganization meeting on July 7, 2020. During the meeting, newly re-elected board member, David Howlett, took the oath of office to serve a five-year term.

The oath of office was administered to Terry Ann Carbone and Jeffrey Harradine, who were elected to serve as president and vice-president, respectively. Superintendent Sean Bruno, District Treasurer Jill Reichhart and District Clerk Deb Moyer were also sworn in.

### BOE meeting schedule:

Regular board meetings are typically held the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 6 p.m. during the school year and 5 p.m. during the summer. In adherence with COVID-19 guidelines and social gathering restrictions, meetings will be held in the Fred Hill School Cafetorium until further notice. Meetings are open to the public. Face coverings are required, and a daily health screening must be completed prior to attending meetings.

This screening can be found at [www.bcs1.org](http://www.bcs1.org), click on "Community" and then "BCSD Daily Health Screening". The green checkmark showing you are cleared to be on campus should be shown upon entering the meeting.

A complete BOE meeting schedule can be found at [www.bcs1.org/boe](http://www.bcs1.org/boe). Any changes will be posted on the website calendar.

# 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 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 BCSD, 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).**

STAY IN TOUCH!

## Download our app

The Brockport Central School District mobile application features easy access to school calendars, lunch menus, 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 students, families and community members. Find and like us on Facebook by searching Brockport Central School District and follow us on Twitter @brockportcsd.

## 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

# SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

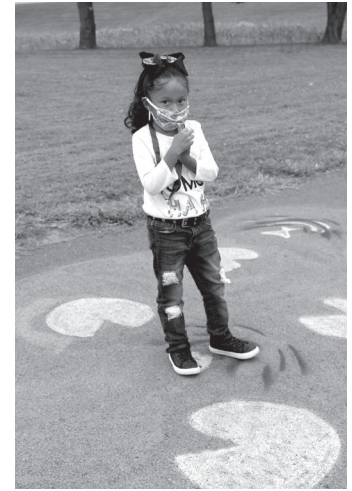
## Ginther's getting active

Skip. Hop. Jump! The students at Ginther have been staying active by working their way through a colorful agility course during their physical education class. The course was created by Ginther's physical education teachers to provide students with a fun array of activities to complete while maintaining social distance outside. The agility course has been so popular students in other buildings have enjoyed it too!



## Barclay's sidewalk chalk art

Students at Barclay have been getting creative during their art classes, creating colorful pictures in one of the building's outdoor spaces. Art Teacher Molly Dorsey has been holding classes outdoors whenever the weather allows. She uses chalk circles to keep students socially distanced, as they use crayons to show off their talent!



## Students explore OMS

Early this fall students at Oliver Middle School were able to explore their school as part of a scavenger-hunt lesson plan in Mr. Schleede's science class. Schleede says the scavenger-hunt is a way to get the sixth graders outside and help them feel comfortable at their new school. Students explored the outside of the building, discovering the history within each brick used to build it!



## Music at Hill School

Standing outside on a nice fall day you may hear sounds of drums beating or a soft melody from a xylophone. Fourth and fifth grade students in Becki Place's music class are learning how to play drums and barred instruments. Students are set up in socially distanced hula hoops with their instrument to ensure physical distance and safety while they learn.



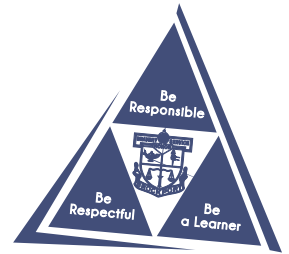
## BHS has SPIRIT

Despite not being able to hold homecoming this fall, in-person and remote students at Brockport High School showed their school pride by participating in spirit week during what would have been homecoming. Students and staff were decked out in tie-dye, beachwear, red/white/blue, dress like a decade and Brockport's signature blue and white. Thank you, students and staff, for sharing your Brockport pride! Student Council hopes to plan more activities soon.



# PBIS focuses on creating positive school environments

Our Positive Behavior Interventions and Support (PBIS) teams in Brockport work hard to create fun, age-appropriate activities that review the K-12 universal expectations of being respectful, being responsible and being a learner. Each school incorporates the framework using these strategies to reinforce academic and social behaviors to create positive school environments. This year, the district also stressed the importance of social-emotional learning and included various activities to support students' social and emotional well-being.



## **Ginther Elementary:** *Peter Kramer and Mitch Daly*

Ginther has continued its tradition of selecting weekly Bee Buck winners. Winners are students who have followed the three B's: Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be a Learner. Teachers and students watch PBIS videos to reinforce building-wide expectations for behavior and learning in school and at home. Our hybrid and remote students can attend check-and-connect sessions with teachers daily to help build a sense of community. Our counselor, Mr. Kramer, developed a virtual counseling classroom for all students with resources focused on behavior, social-emotional learning and a sense of belonging.

## **Barclay Elementary:** *Scott Morrison*

All Barclay classrooms are reading "What Would Danny Do?" which introduces students to the idea that they have the power to choose what to do when confronted with situations and how their choices have meaning. Teachers also hold morning meetings with all students allowing classmates, whether in class or at home, to connect with one another. The school counselor meets with remote teams weekly, and Wednesday mornings are used to focus specifically on social-emotional lessons. The Citizen of the Month program will continue to recognize students who make good choices as classroom citizens!

## **Hill Elementary:** *Brandon Broughton*

Hill Elementary does a morning check-and-connect with our fully remote and hybrid remote students. Some classes are conducting community circles with both virtual and in-person students. PBIS assemblies are being held virtually this year. Assemblies were held for the fully remote students, as well as the hybrid groups. Hill students also created a hallway display with each student's hand listing their unique and special characteristics.

## **Oliver Middle School:** *Michelle Guerrieri*

Oliver Middle School focused on back-to-school engagement and Oliver Essentials, with respect to mandated guidelines and at-home remote learning. Citizenship and perseverance were highlighted, with an emphasis on resiliency. PBIS activities allowed students to re-engage in school while building new relationships and setting personal academic goals. Classes also participated in Flipgrid activities (some turned into fun competition), and students brainstormed how differently school will look this year and what that would mean for them as learners.

## **Brockport High School:** *Michael Pincelli and Jillian Velekkakan*

High School students from multiple cohorts have been connecting virtually for supportive check-ins. Sessions have even included an introduction to students' beloved pets! Students have also been practicing "mindful coloring" during their home-base period, contributing to a positive affirmation poster which has been displayed in the hallway to bring positivity into the school.



## BHS: Pandemic Publication

*“When we look back on our experiences throughout a health crisis lasting longer than any of us could have imagined, what and how will we remember it?”*

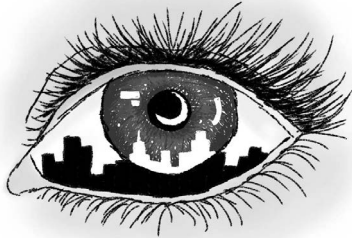
Last spring, the twelfth grade English Literature and Composition class spent the final weeks of their senior year organizing a publication for the district that offered an outlet for positive expressions to a frightening and frustrating time. The publication is broken into tabs, each using a different platform to share work. From poetry and podcasts to art and interviews, students and staff across the district shared their personal experiences as they lived through the COVID-19 pandemic.

“We were inspired and awed by the work the students did, and we think that it was a really good way for them to share their thoughts and feelings about what they were going through,” says Kathy Jaccarino, BHS Librarian and advisor for the *Pandemic Publication*.

“Within this publication our students and staff found ways to express feelings that are difficult to verbalize and, in doing so, illustrate our ability to adapt,” says Pam Lashbrook, BHS English teacher and advisor for the *Pandemic Publication*.

The following Class of 2020 students assisted with this publication: Anna Burkhartzmeyer, Madeline Cherwonik, Samuel Coyle, Patrick Farrell, Abigail Foley, Dia Gauthier, Eliza Gonzalez, Claire Gratto, Nicholas Nealon, Samantha Place, Laine Ramsay, Colby Reixinger, Natalie Smith and Leia Thibaut.

A link to the *Pandemic Publication* can be found on the library page of the high school website.



## Congratulations, Caspar!

Caspar Carson, a senior at Brockport High School, has been named a Commended Student in the 2021 National Merit Scholarship program. Caspar is one of 34,000 students across the country to be recognized for this honor. Commended students placed among the top 50,000 scorers of more than 1.5 million students who completed the 2019 Preliminary SAT/ National Merit Scholarship Qualify Test (PSAT).



*Pictured is BHS Principal Michael Pincelli presenting Caspar Carson with his letter of commendation.*

“Those being named Commended Students have demonstrated outstanding potential or academic success,” commented a spokesperson for NMSC. “These students represent a valuable national resource; recognizing their accomplishments, as well as the key role their schools play in their academic development, is vital to the advancement of educational excellence in our nation. We hope this recognition will help broaden their educational opportunities and encourage them as they continue their pursuit of academic success.”

**Congratulations, Caspar, on this incredible accomplishment!**

## Brockport welcomes Urban Suburban students

New and existing Urban Suburban students were welcomed to Brockport this fall. Students entering Barclay, Hill and Oliver Middle School were greeted by their new principals and superintendent. Families and students were given an overview of the Urban Suburban Program and introduced to Brockport and all it has to offer.

Returning Urban Suburban students were welcomed back with a breakfast at Brockport High School. Program representatives and BHS Administration shared important news, updates and words of encouragement.





## Meet our new Brockport High School Principal

**Name:** Michael Pincelli

**Background:** Graduate of Greece Athena High School and currently lives in Hilton, NY

**Education:** Bachelor of Fine Art in acting from Wright State University, Bachelor of Science in English from SUNY Brockport, Master of Education in Secondary Education from Roberts Wesleyan University and earned an Advanced Certificate in Education Leadership at SUNY Oswego

**Family:** Wife (Telcie) and three children (Alexander and twins: Lucy and Leo)

**Favorite Color:** Blue

**Favorite Food:** Pasta with red sauce

**Favorite Music:** Appreciates original music written by the performer

**Interesting Facts:** Held a brief career as a professional actor and has an identical twin brother

**What you're most looking forward to this year at BCSD:** Getting to know the district's students, families and faculty. He looks forward to becoming a member of the BCSD community and sharing in the "Brockport Pride."



## Meet our new staff

BCSD would like welcome our new staff to the district.

Delia Andalora – *Long-term Sub*  
James Erbland – *Family and Career Teacher*  
Callen Feeney – *Long-term Sub*  
Kevin Guy – *Building Sub*  
Sarah Harradine – *Long-term Sub*  
Mandy Horschel – *Building Sub*  
Scott Hunsinger – *Building Sub*  
Julia Johnson – *Speech Teacher*  
Kyle Kita – *Elementary Teacher*  
Wendy Lodato – *Building Sub*  
Hannah Madden – *Elementary Teacher*  
Danielle Maxwell – *Long-term Sub*  
Skylor Meldrum – *Building Sub*  
Daniel Mizro – *Long-term Sub*  
Jessica Ophardt – *Art Teacher*  
Michael Pincelli – *Principal*  
Colleen Pittman – *Library Media Specialist*  
Shawn Prior – *Long-term Sub*  
Rebecca Rossier – *Building Sub*  
Elizabeth Scherer – *Art Teacher*  
Megan Wood – *Building Sub*

## Hill teacher receives award



Fifth Grade Hill School Teacher Justin Jackson has been recognized by SUNY Brockport with the Roy Bubb Award for going above and beyond for students. The award is presented to elementary teachers who make outstanding contributions to the professional growth of prospective teachers enrolled at the college's Elementary Teacher Certification Program. Mr. Jackson is an adjunct professor at the college and the director

of their summer literacy program. He hosted six students from the college for their 50-hour placement, as well as five student-teachers since 2016. BCSD is proud to have Justin Jackson as a teacher and a mentor to future educators.

## Athletic Wall of Honor changes

Brockport's Athletic Wall of Honor Committee recently announced that the event will now happen once every other year. The biennial recognition will next occur in the fall of 2021.

The Wall of Honor was established to honor those whose contributions have enriched the Brockport High School's athletic programs. It includes outstanding student-athletes, coaches and community contributors who have distinguished themselves not only representing BHS on the athletic field, but their contributions through their achievements, endeavors, leadership and character during their life. This award celebrates alumni and supporting individuals whose accomplishments have brought honor and recognition to themselves and Brockport High School.

More information on this award can be found on the district's website under Brockport's Athletic Department's page.

## Brockport sports update

Fall sports have begun, and we are so excited to cheer on our Blue Devils! Brockport's JV and Varsity teams for soccer, tennis, swimming and cross country were able to start practicing on September 28. Modified tryouts/practice started on October 5. The New York State Public Health School Athletic Association (NYSPPHSAA) moved the sports classified as moderate to high risk, including competitive cheerleading, football and volleyball, to March 1, 2021. Registration for these sports will open this spring.

Per NYSPPHSAA guidelines, two spectators per athlete will be allowed to attend games/events. Attendance will be taken at all venues across Monroe County. Athletes, coaches and spectators must adhere to all social distancing and mask guidelines. Please see [www.bcs1.org/athletics](http://www.bcs1.org/athletics) for regularly updated information.



# National School Bus Safety Week

Held during the third full week of October each year, the National School Bus Safety Week is an active public education program aimed at addressing school bus safety. This year's theme is "Red Lights Mean STOP!" Below are a few safety skills provided by Matthew Schultz, BCSD Director of Transportation.

## Safety skills for students

### Waiting:

- Walk safely to your bus stop.
- Be on time – five minutes before scheduled pick-up time.
- Wait quietly away from the road.
- Don't move toward the bus until the driver signals.

### Loading:

- Use the handrail.
- Do not bring large, sharp or breakable items on the bus.
- Don't carry awkward loads – use a backpack or book bag to keep items together.
- Sit down immediately and buckle your seatbelt securely.

### Riding:

- Do not distract the driver.
- Keep your body inside the bus.
- Do not bother the other students.
- Know how to evacuate your bus.

### Unloading:

- Check before you step.
- Move away from the bus right away.
- Go directly home.

### Crossing:

- Walk 10 giant steps (10 feet) ahead of the bus until you can see the driver's face.
- Wait for the driver's signal.
- Cross to the outside edge of the bus and make sure all traffic is stopped.
- If clear, cross quickly. If not clear, return to the curb.

### Tips for motorists

- Be alert and slow down when driving in neighborhoods with school zones.
- Watch for children walking, playing or assembling near bus stops. Children arriving late to the bus may run into the road without looking for traffic.
- Obey NYS school bus laws, as well as the flashing light signal systems on buses.
  - o Flashing yellow lights mean the bus is preparing to stop to load/unload children. Motorists should slow down and prepare to stop.
  - o Flashing red lights and extended stop arms indicate the bus has stopped and children are loading/unloading. Motorists MUST STOP and wait until the red lights stop flashing and the extended stop arm is withdrawn before proceeding.



# Red Ribbon Week

The Red Ribbon Campaign is the oldest and largest drug prevention campaign in the country and is a great way to kick off conversations about drug prevention.

This year's theme was "Be Happy. Be Brave. Be Drug Free." Oliver Middle School and Brockport High School hosted a variety of activities throughout the end of October to raise awareness and take a stand against drugs. Students dressed up for the theme of the day, posters were created and pledges were signed to remain drug free.

If you have questions, or feel your child may be using drugs, please contact our Delphi Prevention Counselor Nicca Latucca at [nicca.latucca@bcs1.org](mailto:nicca.latucca@bcs1.org). Resources and tips for talking to your children about drugs are available on our website under the FAMILIES tab.



## Barclay improvements

As part of the district's ongoing commitment to maintaining and improving campus buildings, a portion of the Barclay roof was repaired this summer. Construction included the replacement of the roofing system and installation of additional roof drains and associated piping. This work was part of the 2017 Capital Improvement Project.



# BEST Foundation

BEST Foundation offers everyone a warm welcome back to school and congratulates Mr. Bruno for being named the new superintendent. BEST Foundation continues to support and serve the Brockport Central School District, and we look forward to a wonderful year!

BEST kicked off the year by supporting teachers at each school with masks but has more than that to offer! BEST Foundation is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing resources to expand existing programs and activities and create new educational opportunities at BCSD. Staff interested in applying for a grant can do so on our website.

Please note: The "4th Annual Farm to Table to Excellence" dinner is being postponed until fall 2021. We always welcome your donations, which can be made via PayPal on our website.

## Keep in touch with Brockport BEST Foundation!

✉ [BrockportBESTFoundation@gmail.com](mailto:BrockportBESTFoundation@gmail.com)

🏠 [BrockportBEST.org](http://BrockportBEST.org)

🐦 [@BESTBrockport](https://twitter.com/BESTBrockport)

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# Welcome Back!

*"We are in this together!"*



## Look for the 2020-2021 fall Membership Drive coming soon!

Remember, memberships need to be renewed annually, and you can join anytime:

[www.brockportcentralptsa.org/ptsa-membership.html](http://www.brockportcentralptsa.org/ptsa-membership.html)

- \$6 adults (parents, teachers, staff and administrators) and \$4 students.
- \$4 of each membership goes to the NYSPTA, our parent organization.

## Interested in getting more involved in PTSA? Have personal gifts, talents & time to share?

We're looking for new volunteers to help! Join a team and make a difference.

Ginther Chair (Liaison)	Green Team	Book Fair Coordinator
Barclay Chair (Liaison)	Membership Team	School Event Volunteer or Organizer
Hill Chair (Liaison)	Fundraising Team	Box Tops Coordinator
OMS Chair (Liaison)	Reflections Art Team	
BHS Chair (Liaison)	Website Administrator	...and more!

## Meet the new 2020-2021 PTSA officers!

President	Kristy Hart
Vice-President	Tricia White
Treasurer	Jaime Piedimonte-Bennett
Recording Secretary	Maggie Poswinski
Corresponding Secretary	Jessica Harris

Thank you to all who participated in our nominations and elections!

## Special Thanks

Brockport PTSA Recording Secretary, Maggie Poswinski, recently completed a project for families to thank district staff with messages of appreciation. The kind thoughts are displayed on posters throughout district buildings.

A special thanks to Maggie for coordinating this uplifting project and thanks to all those for helping to brighten the day for our Brockport teachers, staff and administrators!

## Box Tops for Education

The Brockport PTSA continues to collect Box Tops for Education. Although you can still clip those you find and send them to Barclay, the system is now going digital – and it's easy to use! Download the free app on your smartphone, make sure to choose **Barclay Elementary School** PTSA, and scan your grocery store receipts (within 14 days of purchase). More information can be found on the Box Tops for Education website. PTSA uses the money to help fund assemblies and other district-wide events.



### Shop through Amazon Smile

- [www.smile-amazon.com](http://www.smile-amazon.com) - and choose "Brockport Central PTSA" as your charity! A percent of each Amazon purchase is donated to the PTSA to help fund events in our district! You can still browse and add to your cart on your Amazon app, but go to [www.smile-amazon.com](http://www.smile-amazon.com) in your browser to check out in order to benefit your charity!



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# Free meals program

The USDA has extended free meals for all in-person and remote students until June 30, 2021, or until the funds appropriated by Congress are exhausted.

In the event the free meals for all program ends, we will transition back to the paid, reduced and free meal status, using the free and reduced meal application. This application can be found on the Brockport Food Service page on the district's website and can be completed at any time.

There are three remote site locations available for meal pick up from 10:30 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. Site locations include:

- Brockport Site -Brockport High School East Side (Lot D), pool entrance, 40 Allen Street, Brockport NY, 14420
- Hamlin Site - Hamlin Town Hall Gymnasium at 1658 Lake Road Hamlin, NY 14420
- Clarkson Site – Hafner Park Goodwin Lodge, 3645 Lake Road, Clarkson, NY 14430

Please contact the Food Service Department at (585) 637-1846 with questions.



## EARLY RELEASE drill reminder

BCSD will conduct an early release drill on **Monday, November 23, 2020**. 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.

## Thank you!



BCSD would like to thank the Christ Community Church for generously donating school supplies to our students. These supplies are distributed as needed to students throughout the district.

**Terry Ann Carbone, President**  
Term Expires June 30, 2024

**Jeffrey Harradine, Vice President**  
Term Expires June 30, 2022

**David Howlett, Trustee**  
Term Expires June 30, 2025

**Daniel Legault, Trustee**  
Term Expires June 30, 2021

**Robert Lewis, Trustee**  
Term Expires June 30, 2023

**Kathleen Robertson, Trustee**  
Term Expires June 30, 2024

**Michael Turbeville, Trustee**  
Term Expires June 30, 2023

**Sean Bruno, Superintendent**

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