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Hill hawk lands at school entrance

A new resident has made a permanent landing outside the entrance of the Hill School. A giant wooden hawk now sits perched near the doorway to welcome students, staff and visitors into the building. The hawk was hand-painted by a group of student artists as part of a Project ADEPT workshop.

The workshop, titled "Drawing is All About Problem Solving," was led by freelance artist Colin Coots during the last week of October. Coots is a renowned equine artist and has taught workshops throughout the northeastern United States. During his residency he taught students that flexibility and adaptability are necessary for creative problem solving. He helped students strengthen their individual drawing skills and connect the principles of successful drawing to achievement in other areas of life. Students' drawings were displayed on the walls for the entire school community to enjoy, as well as several portraits of the students drawn by Coots.

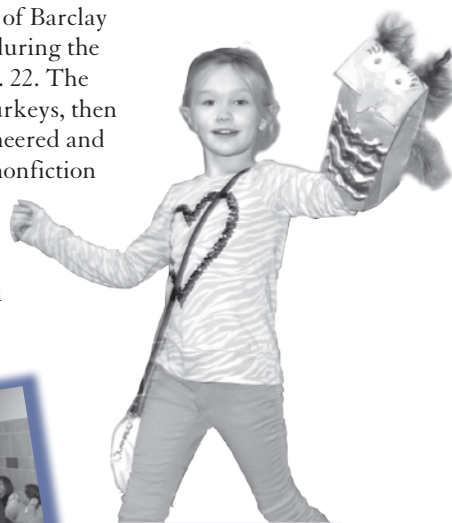
In addition to drawing and problem solving, the students diligently worked on painting the hawk. Directed by Coots, the students worked together to create a face and body for the bird. They used special techniques to create textured wings and feathers. Once the hawk was fully painted and constructed, the group held an official hawk-raising ceremony. The students placed the hawk outside on Oct. 28. Feel free to stop by the entrance of the Hill School to visit the hawk!

Project ADEPT (A Diversified Enrichment Program for the Talented) is a division of BOCES 2 Gifted and Talented Education.



Barclay Thanksgiving Parade

Second-graders proudly trotted down the halls of Barclay Elementary School to show off their turkeys during the fourth annual Thanksgiving Parade held on Nov. 22. The students decorated their own paper bag puppet turkeys, then paraded around the school as the third-graders cheered and clapped. The annual parade was inspired by the nonfiction book "Balloons Over Broadway" by Melissa Sweet. The true story centers on Tony Sarg, a puppeteer and inventor who inspired the helium-filled balloons that became the trademark for the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade.



To view a slideshow of parade photos, visit bcs1.org/thanksgiving.

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Dear Neighbors, Friends and Community Members,

I have to admit that this is probably my favorite time of year! Even though we have snow and colder weather, I can't help but reminisce about the arrival of winter. I grew up in Stow, Massachusetts on several acres of land. My father used to take my sister and me out into the woods to find the perfect Christmas tree for our home. I admired my dad's patience as we would persevere until we found just the right tree. In one of his hands hand was our fresh cut tree and in the other was a rope from an old wooden toboggan in which he would pull my sister and me through the freshly fallen snow. Once we arrived home, dad would make giant snow "mountains" and push us down a huge hill over and over again. I cherish and honor those times.



Lesli C. Myers, Ed.D.

Our community has great places to enjoy the winter months and I am looking forward to making new memories through the following venues:

- Hamlin Beach State Park to see the beauty of Lake Ontario as it transforms into an icy winter spectacle.
- Northampton Park for outdoor activities which include cross-country skiing, downhill skiing, hiking, sledding and snowshoeing.
- The Village for unique shopping and dining opportunities.

Additionally, there are concerts, the Festival of Lights and now what has become a tradition, bell ringing. We also have several school and district happenings which are featured throughout this publication.

I want to remind our community that we have an additional philanthropic group supporting our district: The BEST in Brockport Foundation, Inc. The BEST (Building Excellence in Students Today) Foundation was formed last spring to provide a means for enhancing the education of Brockport students.

While they prepare to help our district and students succeed, your help will be instrumental. BEST in Brockport is kicking off a fundraising drive to build the resources necessary to support staff and the students. Giving is easy. They will gladly accept donations sent to the following mailing address: BEST in Brockport Foundation, Inc. P.O. Box 265. Brockport, New York 14420. Please consider giving a tax deductible donation in which you are comfortable with. Every dollar matters.

I appreciate the continued support of our district and I look forward to seeing you over the coming months. Please remember to cherish your loved ones especially as we conclude 2016 and enter into a new year.

Sincerely,

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

Hats off to our veterans

Barclay Veterans Day celebration

Local veterans joined the Barclay School community for its annual Veterans Day celebration held on Nov. 10. Students and staff stood and saluted as a distinguished group of local veterans processed in with the flag, then the students honored them through song and poem. Following the ceremony, the veterans were invited to attend a reception hosted by the PTSA in the cafeteria.



Veterans visit Hill School

Students at Hill School were treated to special visits from local veterans on Nov. 10. Veterans shared stories about their time in the military and answered student questions.



BCSD to launch Facebook

Brockport Central School District is excited to announce the launch of a district Facebook page in January to promote open and effective communication. The goal is to share important information with parents, families and community members and engage in an open and respectful dialogue. We will post pictures and videos of events happening within the district, as well as important dates and messages. This method of communication will not replace any current channels, rather it will broaden our audience and strengthen our messaging. The page will be dedicated to our mission of engaging and empowering each student to achieve excellence as a learner and a citizen. Comments will be welcome as long as they directly relate to our district, schools and activities. We researched social media policies in other districts and similar guidelines regarding comments will be posted on our page. Personal attacks or comments that are deemed offensive or inaccurate will not be permitted. We value the community's input and look forward to engaging through Facebook.

Ginther Fall Festival

Ginther School was taken over by superheroes, princesses, minions and more during the Ginther Fall Festival on Oct. 31. Students participated in a variety of fall-themed activities, including pumpkin cookie decorating, pumpkin ring toss, pumpkin bowling and more.



Instruction Office

Highlights

EL Education National Conference

On Friday, Oct. 28, a group of secondary math demonstration classroom teachers from Brockport Central School District presented a master class at the Expeditionary Learning Education National Conference in Detroit,



Chris Carr, Lisa Montanaro, Tresa Vick and Keri Krull

Michigan. Teachers were encouraged to attend this professional development session titled, "Engagement + Rigor + Accountability = Student-Centered Math Instruction," presented by Keri Krull, Chris Carr, Lisa Montanaro and Tresa Vick. The Brockport team shared how they have transformed their practice to make math skills and concepts come alive. Krull and Carr led participants through a lesson that highlighted various district initiatives, such as learning targets, self-assessment and checks for understanding. They demonstrated speaking and listening protocols with rich academic discourse and higher level questioning, as well as strategic groupings with math instruction scaffolded to the same learning target. They also integrated literacy skills throughout to emphasize oral and written communication. Based on the experience and participant feedback, the presentation confirmed the value of the district's vision to be a leading, innovative and high-performing school district.

Monroe County Legislature proclamation recognizes Biology Teacher of the Year

You may recall an article from the fall issue of the Focus introducing a Brockport teacher that was named the 2016 Outstanding Biology Teacher of the Year for New York State by the National Association of Biology Teachers (NABT).



Brockport High School Biology Teacher Rosemary Catlin was honored at the NABT national conference in Denver, Colorado on Nov. 5. Since then, Rosemary was recognized with a proclamation during the Monroe County Legislature meeting on Nov. 15. After the proclamation was read, Rosemary was presented with the certificate and gave a brief acceptance speech. Congratulations, Rosemary!

Salva's Supporters club members meet Salva

Members of the Salva's Supporters club at OMS were invited to a special meet and greet with Salva Dut and Linda Sue Park, author of "A Long Walk to Water," at Monroe Community College on Nov. 12. The visit followed the group's participation in MCC's annual Walk for Water to benefit Water for South Sudan. The Salva's Supporters club at OMS started about three years ago after students in Candace Greiner's ELA class read "A Long Walk to Water" and wanted to help raise money for the organization. The charity builds wells for people in South Sudan who do not have access to clean water. The club is made up of members in seventh, eighth and ninth grade. So far the club has raised about \$1,500 through various fundraisers.



*Front row, left to right: Candace Greiner, Fayth Norway, Olivia Petronio, Cordelia Thomas, Zachary Thomas, Paige Ashe, Greta Hall, Madison Ashe, Emma Manners, Lea Brookover
Back row, left to right: Kendall Clements, Jennifer Lipa, Daphne Czerniak, Emily Vergari, Linda Sue Park, Maggie Schultz, Olivia Grome, Salva Dut, Haleigh Cushman, Martina Tyson, Alyssa Kiener, Emma Manley*

Jimmy Z pays a special visit to BHS

Brockport High School students were surprised by a special visitor during their PBIS assembly held on Nov. 17. Jimmy Z spoke briefly to the students about the importance of being respectful, responsible learners and presented t-shirts to students for demonstrating those traits.



Faces of Today and Tomorrow

Welcome to the first edition of our new series, Faces of Today and Tomorrow! This series highlights Brockport High School seniors and their plans for the future. Each student is unique. Many of our students are involved in extracurricular activities outside the walls of the classroom. We want to celebrate the different strengths and interests of our students as they prepare for college, a career or the military. This series will give you an inside look at some of the amazing students that make up the Class of 2017.

New video interviews will typically be posted on our website and social media every other week. Visit bcs1.org/faces to view the current videos. Additionally, one student will be featured in each Focus through the end of the school year.

If you know a high school senior deserving of recognition, encourage him/her to fill out the questionnaire at bcs1.org/seniorvideoform.

Introducing Alex Regna

Hard work and dedication have driven BHS senior Alex Regna to excel personally and academically throughout his high school career. Regna balances a myriad of activities including New Visions, Student Council and National Honor Society. Additionally, he is an elite member of the boys varsity swim team.

Regna says swimming has been part of his life since he was six-years-old.

"I've loved the water from a very young age," said Regna. "It's a great way to escape the world and just be me."

Swimming has been more than just a passion of Regna's, though, it's been a fundamental building block in his life.

"Being on the swim team and being with all my friends in general has made me who I am today," said Regna. "I'll continue being that person that I've transformed into. I'll carry that on with me throughout my life."

Swim Coach Scott Fake has known Regna for several years. He says Regna's dedication and willingness to go the extra mile has helped him grow as a swimmer, leading him all the way to the varsity swim team as a ninth-grader and the state championship last year.

"His hard work, dedication and personality will take him a long ways," said Fake.

Fake also said Regna's leadership skills are evident, as often times he will lead and other students will follow. Further, Fake stressed the significance of how coachable Regna is, a skill that he said will benefit Regna in his career path.

Regna already has a solid plan in place for post-graduation. He aims to earn an undergraduate degree in exercise science, followed by a doctorate in physical therapy and a specialty certification in sports medicine. Ultimately, his career goal is to work as a physical therapist for a professional sports team.

"Swimming has influenced me to go into the sports field because I love sports and that's where I want to be in life," said Regna.

Regna is currently involved in the New Visions program, where he is interning on the physical therapy floor at Unity Hospital. He observes patients receiving treatment to relearn how to walk and use their fine motor skills. He said his favorite part is seeing the progression of patients throughout the treatment.

New Visions also entails enrollment in college level courses. Regna said he is grateful for the opportunity to experience college courses, as well as for the people who have pushed him to advance to this level.

"I've had great teachers throughout all my years of school who have always pushed me academically and pushed me to do my very best," said Regna. "They recommended taking harder courses. They saw the potential in me academically and knew I had the capability to withhold the rigor of the course load."

In addition to his teachers and coaches, Regna credits his parents with being exceptional role models.

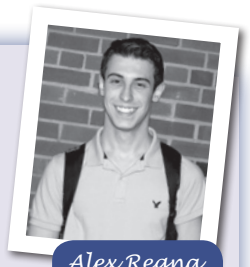
Résumé

Today

- Boys varsity swimming
- National Honor Society
- New Visions
- Student Council

Tomorrow

- Undergraduate in exercise science
- Doctorate in physical therapy
- Specialty certification in sports medicine



Alex Regna

"Through all the adversity and challenges that they face every day, they keep positive mindsets," said Regna. "That's a great thing to have in life, being positive. It reflects who you are as a person and everyone enjoys being around a positive person."

Regna has inherited their positive attitude and carries it with him throughout all aspects of his life. One particular area that joins his positivity with his desire to make a difference is volunteering. Regna has participated in several volunteer activities, including the Special Olympics the past three years.

"I love helping people," said Regna. "It's one of my favorite things to do because knowing that you've impacted and influenced someone's life positively is just a great feeling inside."

As Regna reflects on his academic journey thus far and looks towards the future, he said he will carry memories of BHS with him forever but is excited to see what lies ahead.



School HIGHLIGHTS

Ginther students vote in mock election

Ginther students participated in a mock election on Election Day. The PTSA, Deb Perrine and Alissa Bruce planned a quick and meaningful mock election process. Kid-friendly facts about each candidate were posted on the bulletin board



outside of the conference room. The facts, provided by Scholastic News, included information such as favorite color, favorite food and favorite pet. When students arrived in the conference room, they checked in with a PTSA volunteer who assisted them with highlighting their name in the registration book. They were given a generic ballot, which they took into the voting booth with them and dropped it into one of the two candidate slots, identified by photos. After they cast their ballots, they were given an "I Voted!" sticker. PTSA volunteers counted the votes and the results were announced at the end of the day.

All aboard the floating classroom

Learning came to life for high school students on board the Harbor Town Bell on Oct. 17. Students in AP Biology, Environmental Science, Living Environment and Environmental Club cruised around the Genesee River and Lake Ontario while matching theory with practice. They rotated through learning stations including microscopy, fish identification, navigation, water testing and riverbed bottom sampling.



Barclay celebrates the 50th day of school

The hallways of Barclay Elementary School were filled with poodle skirts, leather jackets and slick hairdos on Nov. 17 in recognition of the 50th day of school. Principal Scott Morrison and Jason Mark are pictured here sporting their 50s attire.



OMS students build longhouses

Students on SOMS Team Theta put their construction skills to the test on Nov. 10 during a longhouse building competition. Each class represented



an Iroquois tribe and raced to construct 18x9 foot longhouses. The women in each of the four teams designated people to fulfill the roles of builders, hunters and gatherers, fire keepers and safety overseers. The materials consisted of PVC pipes, lashings (bed sheets) and tarps. The enrichment activity supported the NYS social studies curriculum and the PBIS work of planning, preparing, being respectful and being responsible.



Renowned author visits Hill

Hill students were treated to a special visit by author Jim Averbek on Nov. 14. Averbek has written several children's books including "One Word from Sophia," "In a Blue Room" and "Oh No, Little Dragon!" He also conducted an illustration workshop for some aspiring Hill artists.

Music Highlights

All-state music festivals

Congratulations to our Junior and Senior High Area All-State Music Festival performers! High school freshman and mixed chorus member Claire Gratto sang in the New York State School Music Association Zone 2 Junior High Area All-State Music Festival Nov. 4-5 at Bloomfield High School. Additionally, seven students performed in the senior high festival Nov. 18 – 19 at Churchville Chili High School. Those students were chorus members Morgan Costello, Molly Falkenstein, Shay Gauthier, Kayla Piedmonte, Max Sevor and Gavin Tremblay and orchestra member Griffin Smith.



Claire Gratto



Front, left to right: Morgan Costello, Molly Falkenstein, Shay Gauthier
Back, left to right: Kayla Piedmonte, Max Sevor, Gavin Tremblay, Griffin Smith

Golden Stand Award

Kudos to our Hill School Golden Stand Award winners! The Golden Stand is awarded each week to a fifth-grade band student who lives up to the Hill Hawk motto of being a respectful, responsible learner and “SOARing” in the band program. Music teachers Susan Boring and Andrew Stoker look for students who strive to do their best in band both during class and in lessons. The winners get to use the golden stand during band and lessons that week and get their picture posted in the showcase outside the band room. They also receive a certificate and a letter stating their achievements. Each week band members are asked to comment on why they believe a student won the award.

- Week 1 – Ethan Enderle
- Week 2 – Madison Kucmerowski
- Week 3 – Prophecy Wood
- Week 4 – Putsosvary Salcido
- Week 5 – Paul Rose
- Week 6 – Christopher Guthrie



Athletic HIGHLIGHTS

Monroe County Sportsmanship Awards



Swimming
Congratulations to Coach Don Voorhies, Coach Scott Fake and our girls swim team for winning the Monroe County Swimming Sportsmanship Award!

Volleyball

Congratulations to Coach Jamie Hugelmaier and our girls volleyball team for winning the Monroe County Volleyball Sportsmanship Award!



Congratulations to our state tournament qualifiers

Tenth-grader KhaVy Sangasy qualified to compete in the 50 free at the NYSPHSAA Swim Championships at Ithaca College Nov. 18-19. Tenth-grader Nick Andrews qualified to compete in the NYSPHSAA Cross-Country Championships at Chenango Forks Nov. 12.



Community service

Our varsity and junior varsity wrestling teams participated in a community service project in the village on Nov. 18. The group spent the afternoon raking up leaves for a valued community member.

OMS students deliver homemade dog treats to local shelter

A group of OMS students put their baking skills in action on Nov. 8 to prepare special dog treats for a local animal shelter. Students in Kathy Rhoades Family and Consumer Science class carefully measured ingredients, rolled out dough and used cookie cutters to create 18 dozen dog biscuits. The students enjoyed the baking project and took pride in knowing they were doing a good deed. Additionally, the students learned about proper animal care and the needs of all living things.



The next phase of the project was even more exciting: delivering the homemade treats. The students, Zachary Durney, Nicholas Hinkley, Timothy Kemp, Alexander Paul and John Rounseville, boarded the school bus on Nov. 21 to bring more than 200 treats to the Craig A. Goodrich Hamlin Dog Shelter. When they arrived at the shelter, the group had the opportunity to feed some of the treats to the eager dogs. The students also met a litter of tail-wagging puppies and played with the shelter cat.



“Activities such as these are wonderful learning experiences for our students,” said teacher Kathy Rhoades. “In addition to practicing kitchen skills, they get to experience first-hand the joy of giving back.”

The students say their favorite part of the project was interacting with the dogs and feeding them treats.

The students were featured on 13 WHAM's Bright Spot. Visit bcs1.org/news to view the story.

January Coffee Chat



Back by popular demand... Homework – it doesn't have to be a battle!

Jan. 11, 2017
6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Technology & Training Center

Is homework a stressful time in your household?

- Does your child struggle to complete homework?
- Is it frustrating for you and your child?
- Are you unsure about how much or little help you should give your child?
- Did you know there are ways to support your child and have successful homework time?

Two highly experienced teachers will share tips and strategies to help support your children with homework. They will provide ideas on how to set up a successful homework time and help your child become more independent with his/her homework.

Do the Right Thing Award

Congratulations to OMS sixth-grader Braydon Merrill for receiving the Rochester Police Department's "Do the Right Thing Award." Merrill was recognized for his quick thinking and actions that helped his parents during an emergency situation at their house. He was presented with the award during a ceremony at the City of Rochester Public Safety Building on Oct. 27.



HS senior named Brockport's Best

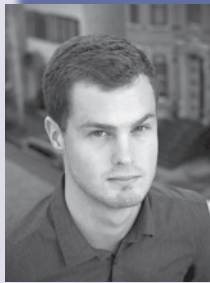
BHS senior Raphael Odey, Jr. was presented with a Brockport's Best award during the Nov. 15 Board of Education meeting. Odey Jr. was honored for his quick action in assisting a student in need during a difficult situation.



Alumni SPOTLIGHT

Nate VanDeusen, Class of 2008

A 2008 Brockport High School graduate is moving his way up in the music production industry. Nate VanDeusen currently lives in Albany with his girlfriend and dog. He works full time for the Roman Catholic Diocese of Albany as the director of educational technologies for 22 schools under the Catholic School Office. In his spare time, he enjoys producing and developing his music career.



VanDeusen says he has been producing music since high school. Most recently he composed the original score for “The Tomorrow Paradox,” a film that won Best Sci-fi Feature this past November at the Buffalo Dreams Fantastic Film Festival. He also served as a producer for the movie.

VanDeusen says his experiences in high school were crucial in shaping him into the musician he is today. His favorite BCSD memory involves competing with his band in the Class Acts talent show. He says although they did not win, the experience was extremely influential and one he will always remember.

When asked what his advice to current students would be, VanDeusen said, “Follow your dreams and don’t ever give up. It doesn’t matter what you aspire to be; achieving that goal will always have its ups and downs; the important thing is that you keep on working every day to make your dreams become a reality.”

After graduation, VanDeusen earned a bachelor’s degree in business economics from SUNY Oneonta.



Are you a BHS alum? We want to hear from you!

We love learning about the accomplishments of our alumni. If you would like to be highlighted in our Alumni Spotlight, visit bcs1.org/alumnispotlight to fill out a questionnaire. Features will also be posted on the alumni section of our website at bcs1.org/alumni.

Brockport Elks Lodge delivers dictionaries to Barclay students

Elks Lodge members made their annual trip to campus to distribute dictionaries to all Barclay third-graders on Nov. 22. The tradition, which the Elks Lodge has done for more than a decade, aims to convey the power that words have for students. The members gave a short presentation for each team of third-graders, then gave out the dictionaries. Thank you, Elks Lodge!



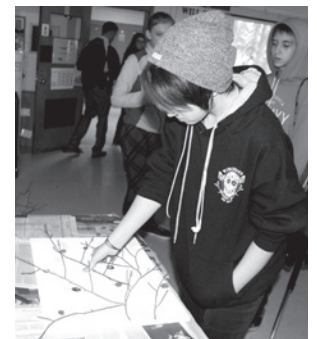
Careers in Construction Day

A group of Brockport High School students gained valuable insight into opportunities available in the construction industry during Careers in Construction Day held at the Monroe County Fleet Center on Oct. 20. The students visited different trade exhibits and participated in a variety of hands-on activities including carpentry and heavy equipment operation.



BASEgiving

The Brockport Alternative School Environment (BASE) classrooms at Brockport High School were filled with gratitude on Nov. 22 during the third annual BASEgiving celebration. Students enjoyed lunch, cookie decorating, games, music, crafts and a movie. A highlight of the celebration was the Tree of Gratitude. Students had the opportunity to add their thumbprint and a description of what they were thankful for to the “tree,” comprised of branches glued to a canvas.



Fall is such a beautiful time of year in Western New York. Brockport PTSA hopes that you were able to enjoy some family time – either at a meal, raking, playing a game or even just in the car. Nurturing those family connections are so important. PTSA also encourages you to nurture connections to your child's education! Continue to be 1) involved in your child's education; 2) informed of school and district events; and 3) an advocate for your student.

Brockport PTSA offers many opportunities to make connections between families, students and district staff. It has been a busy fall!

- Our first Speaker Series of meetings featured Jim Liebow, Robin Boody and Mike Falkenstein providing a dinner of pizza, fresh veggies, apples and milk to parents so they could have a taste of school lunches and see the apple slicer in action. Liebow shared a short presentation and had time for questions and answers. The kids had crafts and games to keep them busy and "Thanks!" also to our student volunteers.
- Smile! School picture days at the elementary schools were a great success. Did you know that every elementary student gets a free class photo in the spring?
- In October, PTSA provided water stations for Walk to School Day. It was a beautiful day and there were so many thirsty walkers!
- PTSA is proud to support the Safe School Ambassador program at BCSD. PTSA funds the refreshments and lunches for the participants of this awesome program.
- Thanks to our veterans! PTSA provides a reception after the Barclay School's Veteran's Day celebration. It gives the veterans time for coffee and conversation after the schoolwide ceremony. It is a great time for them to connect amongst themselves.
- PTSA knows how important literacy is to the success of students. To support them, book fairs are held throughout the school year so that students can purchase books. It also allows us to provide books to classrooms and libraries, as well as fun activities and prizes. We

generally combine each book fair with a free family night to allow parents time to shop but also to allow families to have some together-time. Student and adult volunteers are always needed so consider helping

to contribute to their success. Thanks to our OMS and Hill School student crew volunteers! We hope you enjoyed the Bubble Circus as well as Cookies, Crafts and Cocoa family nights.

- PTSA helped sponsor a visit by author Jim Averbeck at Hill School in November. What a wonderful opportunity to jumpstart student interest in reading, writing and creative thinking.
- To encourage school spirit, PTSA offered a sportswear sale. We had a wide variety of options from t-shirts to sweatpants to hats and blankets.
- PTSA participated in National PTA's Reflections arts program. Two workshops were held for elementary students to work on their entries and a reception was held in mid-November. Entries were judged and several advanced to the regional level:
Photography: Rocco Rodrigues, Giovanna Harris, George Fohner, Cole Fohner, Brady Putnam
Literature: Brady Putnam, Maddux Williams
Visual Arts: Jaylynn Balmer, Charlie Milacic, Madilyn Walberger, Haley Petrillo, Adriana Passalacqua
The entries will be displayed at Seymour Library through December and regional level judging will be announced in mid-December.



Apple time!

Volunteers are needed to run the apple slicer at Ginther School! Every Thursday from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. we offer sliced apples to our students in the cafeteria. Our students love coming over to the table to get their apple sliced so please consider helping. The sign-up can be found on our website BrockportCentralPTSA.org, under "Volunteer". We cannot offer this without volunteer help and it is truly a lot of fun!

Volunteering

If you want to volunteer for ANYTHING in the school district, a volunteer application and confidentiality agreement is required EVERY YEAR. Forms are located on the district website under the Parents/Caregivers heading, then under "Volunteers." They are also on the BrockportCentralPTSA.org website under "Volunteer." Volunteering in any capacity is extremely rewarding and appreciated!

Newsletter

This year we are utilizing MailChimp to manage our online newsletter distribution. The emails will be coming from newsletter@brockportcentralptsa.org, so if you already receive them be sure to add the address to your contacts so they come right to your inbox! You can sign up on our website BrockportCentralPTSA.org under "Links/Forms." Previous newsletters are archived there as well.

Get Together

Meetings (with coffee and conversation!) are generally monthly throughout the year. Check our website BrockportCentralPTSA.org and click "About" and "Calendar" for details, or look at the bcsd.org calendar. We have both daytime and evening meetings to fit your schedule. If there's a meeting topic that you would like to see, please let us know at BrockportPTSA@gmail.com.

Keep connected! PTSA utilizes Facebook (Brockport PTSA), Twitter (@BrockportPTSA), our website (BrockportCentralPTSA.org) and email (BrockportPTSA@gmail.com)...or better yet, come to a meeting and share your ideas in person. Your questions and input are valuable!

Winter 2016/Spring 2017

Dear Residents,

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

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

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

Respectfully,



Debra Waye, Director of
Continuing Education



Katrina Schwartz,
Program Secretary

Registration: (mail-in)

Please mail the completed registration form with payment to:

For Continuing Education Courses:

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

For Driver Education Courses:

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

Exceptions: 5 HR. Driving Course requires in-person registration at Brockport High School.

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

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

Class cancellation & confirmation: Individual cancelled classes will be rescheduled whenever possible. No refunds will be issued for classes that are not able to be rescheduled. No continuing education classes are held when Brockport schools are closed due to weather cancellations or emergency conditions. Please check the Brockport Central School website, your local TV or radio stations for cancellations. Classes will begin the week of Monday, Jan. 9, unless otherwise noted. *If you do not receive notification of cancellation, your class will be held. No confirmations are sent.*

Due to holiday observances, school functions or scheduled recesses, classes will not meet on the following dates: Jan. 2 & 16, Feb. 20-24, April 3 & 14-21 and May 29

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

Contact information:

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Email: katrina.schwartz@bcs1.org	Email: trina.kenney@bcs1.org

WEMOCO adult classes:

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

Sports and Fitness

Co-Ed Recreational Volleyball

For fun and fitness: maintain lifetime skills or learn as you go while getting a low-pressure workout. This is hard court volleyball for men and women over 18. There will be no referees with teams adjusted to even out skill levels.



Fee: \$50 per semester
Minimum enrollment: 10
Instructor: Henry Kron
Location: High School South Gym

Dates: Jan. 9 - May 15
Maximum enrollment: 24
Time: 7-9 p.m.

**All gym usage is subject to district sporting events calendar and may change.*

Sports and Fitness (con't)

Men's Floor Hockey (18 and over)

Would you like an opportunity to participate in activities for conditioning and relaxation? Come and join the fun! You must provide your own equipment (stick, gloves, eye protection and shin guards).

Please send payment and registration directly to Continuing Education. Payment at the door will not be accepted.

Fee: \$30 per semester
 Minimum Enrollment: 8
 Organizer: Chris David
 Location: High School Gym

Dates: Jan. 11- May 24
 Maximum Enrollment: 18
 Time: 8-10 p.m.

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



SWIMMING!

Morning Lap Swimming and Water Walking

The Brockport High School swimming pool is open for lap swimming and water walking. Certified lifeguards will be on duty. The pool will be open Monday through Friday mornings from 5:45 to 7 a.m., excluding holidays and when school is not in session. We are offering two options for sessions. Please see the information and dates below. When entering the building please use the doors on the east side, closest to the pool area. The entrance will be unlocked for swimmers from 5:45 until 6:15 a.m. Please plan accordingly for your arrival.

Fee: \$50 for 3 days per week session
 \$90 for 5 day per week session
 Pool Coordinator: Scott Fake
 Location: High School Pool

Dates: Jan. 9–June 9
 Maximum enrollment: 20
 Time: 5:45-7 a.m.

Afternoon Lap Swimming and Water Walking

New this semester! Lap swimming and water walking will now be open in the afternoon on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 4 to 5:30 p.m., excluding holidays and when school is not in session. Certified lifeguards will be on duty. Please see the information and dates below. When entering the building please use the doors on the east side, closest to the pool area.

Fee: \$30 per semester
 Maximum Enrollment: 8
 Pool Coordinator: Scott Fake

Dates: March 6 – May 26
 Time: 4-5:30 p.m.
 Location: High School Pool

MAIL-IN REGISTRATION Winter/Spring 2017 Brockport Central School Continuing Education

Name _____
Last First MI

Address _____
Street City State Zip

Phone (Day) _____ (Evening) _____

Email Address _____

1st Course Desired _____

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

2nd Course Desired _____

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

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

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

If you don't hear otherwise, your course will be held. Classes begin the week of Jan. 9, 2017 unless noted otherwise.

Financial Planning

Identity Theft and Fraud

What can you do to protect against identity theft? During this class you will learn how identity theft occurs, steps you can take to protect yourself and what you can do if you are a victim of identity theft. Join Brian Venton, from Ameriprise Financials, for more information.

Fee: \$10
 Minimum Enrollment: 3
 Instructor: Brian Venton, Ameriprise
 Location: High School LGI

Date: Feb. 28
 Time: 7-9 p.m.

So You Are an Executor...Now What?

Have you been named as an executor? Are you deciding who to appoint as executor of your own estate? Our class will explore the seemingly complex issues surrounding the responsibilities of being named or naming an executor. We will learn about preparing and fulfilling duties, timelines, liabilities, estate litigation, and administration and management of estate assets.

Fee: \$10
 Minimum Enrollment: 3
 Instructor: Brian Venton, from Ameriprise
 Location: High School LGI

Dates: Wednesday March 29, 2017
 Time: 7-9 p.m.

Life Insurance with Long-Term Care Benefits: A Unified Solution

During this class we will explore life insurance policies that include long-term care. These hybrid plans provide a guaranteed death benefit and benefits you can tap into to reimburse qualified long-term care costs. Join Brian Venton, from Ameriprise, and learn more about long-term care benefits and solutions.

Fee: \$10
 Minimum Enrollment: 3
 Instructor: Brian Venton, from Ameriprise
 Location: High School LGI

Date: April 25
 Time: 7-9 p.m.



Planning for College

SAT Prep Course

An after-school course designed for high school students to learn strategies to increase their scores on the new SAT. This course will focus on the math, reading, writing and language sections of the new SAT in effect beginning with the March 5, 2016 test. Practice questions from the new SAT format will be given and discussed. This course meets for 10 classes on Mondays and Tuesdays. **Please register by Jan. 19, 2017.**

Fee: \$130 (Materials are included)
 Time: 3:15-5:15 p.m.
 Minimum enrollment: 23
 Instructors: Kathie Pryor & James Liptak
 Location: Oliver Middle School Room 252

Dates: Jan. 23, 24, 30, 31,
 Feb. 6, 7, 13, 14, 27, 28
 Makeup days if needed: Mar. 6 & 7
 Maximum Enrollment: 35

It is the responsibility of the student to register for the official SAT test online at www.collegeboard.com

Detach and return with payment:

SAT Prep Registration

Please register by Jan. 19

Student's Name _____

Address _____

High School Attending _____

Grade _____

Parent's Name _____

Phone (Day) _____ (Evening) _____

Email Address _____

Fee: \$130

Make checks payable to: Brockport Continuing Education

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

If you do not hear otherwise, the SAT Prep course will be held beginning Monday, Jan. 23 at 3:15 p.m. in Oliver Middle School Room 252.

Driving Courses

Safe Driving Techniques (five-hour course)

Effective Oct. 1, 1987, the Bureau of Motor Vehicles of the State of New York requires five hours of classroom instruction as a prerequisite for obtaining a driver's license. Applicants affected by this regulation are those applying for a first time driver's license; those applying for a driver's license because of lapse of one-year renewal grace period; and those applying for a new driver's license as a result of revocation of previous license. The five-hour training period must be completed prior to the applicant applying for a road test. Persons having completed a regular driving education course do not need this program.

An official completion certificate, which is valid for one year from the day of issuance, will be awarded upon completion of the five-hour program. This certificate must be presented when applying for a road test. It does not qualify participants for reduced insurance rates.

Fee: \$35
 Minimum Enrollment: 7
 Instructor: John DeBaun & Rich Fiorito
 Maximum Enrollment: 20
 Time: 3:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Classes will be held on Wednesdays: Jan. 11, Feb. 8, March 15, April 26, May 17 and June 7

The following regulations are applicable to all prospective registrants:

- Registration must be completed at the high school in person by noon on the Tuesday immediately preceding the class. There is a seven-person minimum to hold this class, so registering on time will reduce the risk of cancellation.
- Students will be admitted on a first come first serve basis.
- Applicants must be 16 years of age or older.
- Applicants must bring their valid learner's permit to register.
- Applicants must pay the \$35 registration fee upon registering and completely fill out the registration form.

Classroom instruction will be held on Wednesday evenings from 3:30 to 8:30 p.m. Dates are specified below. These classes will be held in **Brockport High School, Room 190**. Students may bring a snack or lunch with them to the class.



Drive Groups for Session III

You must have one Drive Group in Block 1 and one Drive Group in Block 2

BLOCK 1	GROUP	DAY	TIME	DATES
	A	Monday	4:45 – 6:15 p.m.	April 10, 24, May 1, 8, 15, 22, June 12
	B	Tuesday	3:15 – 4:45 p.m.	April 11, 25, May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, June 6
	C	Tuesday	4:45 – 6:15 p.m.	April 11, 25, May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, June 6
	D	Tuesday	3:15 – 4:45 p.m.	April 11, 25, May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, June 6
	E	Tuesday	4:45 – 6:15 p.m.	April 11, 25, May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, June 6
	F	Wednesday	4:45 – 6:15 p.m.	April 5, 12, 26, May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

BLOCK 2	GROUP	DAY	TIME	DATES
	G	Thursday	3:15 – 4:45 p.m.	April 6, 13, 27, May 4, 11, 18, 25, June 1
	H	Thursday	4:45 – 6:15 p.m.	April 6, 13, 27, May 4, 11, 18, 25, June 1
	I	Thursday	3:15 – 4:45 p.m.	April 6, 13, 27, May 4, 11, 18, 25, June 1
	J	Thursday	4:45 – 6:15 p.m.	April 6, 13, 27, May 4, 11, 18, 25, June 1
	K	Friday	3:15 – 4:45 p.m.	April 7, 28, May 5, 12, 19, 26, June 2, 9
	L	Friday	4:45 – 6:15 p.m.	April 7, 28, May 5, 12, 19, 26, June 2, 9

Driver Ed Session III: High School Room 192 3:15-4:45 p.m.		
Theory class	Wednesdays	Mondays
Week 1	4/5	4/10
Week 2	4/12	4/24
Week 3	4/26	5/1
Week 4	5/3	5/8
Week 5	5/10	5/15
Week 6	5/17	5/22
Week 7	5/24	5/31
Week 8	6/5	6/7

Driver Education/Winter 2016

Dear Parents and Students,

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

Below is important information about the program and the process for registering your child.

Thank you for your interest and participation in our program and please feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns.

Respectfully,



Melody Martinez-Davis,
Coordinator of Driver Education



Trina J. Kenney,
Administrative Assistant

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

Students must have the following for theory class:

- Permit/license
- New York State Driver Manual
- Notebook/folder
- Writing materials

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

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

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

Registration directions: Please send your payment, completed registration form and a copy of the student's learner's permit to the address listed below. **The cost is \$446 for residents, \$466 for non-residents.** The registration deadline for Session III is March 24, 2017. **Please select your drive groups, listing your choices in order of preference. First priority will be given to resident seniors, then resident juniors, then underclassmen and non-residents. Every effort will be made to accommodate your request.** You will be notified by e-mail or telephone and a list will be posted in the high school if you have been accepted and enrolled. If a registrant did not get into the session, they will be notified in writing and placed on a priority list for the next session.

Enrolled students will receive instruction in the classroom, behind the wheel, and on the road as required by New York State Department of Motor Vehicles. Those successfully completing the class will receive an MV285 certificate that gives the holder the privilege to receive a Class D operator's license when reaching age 17, allowing them to drive after 9 p.m. According to the NYS DMV, those who do not complete a driver's education program must wait until age 18 to drive after 9 p.m. Students must be 16 years old and hold a valid NYS Driver Permit or License to be eligible for the course. The Pre-Licensing Five-Hour Course material is included in Driver Education. The loan of a text is included in the class fee.

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

Instructors: Tom Fasoldt, Rich Fiorito, John DeBaun, Rich Barrett, Ben Gioseffi

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

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

2016-17 Driver Education Enrollment Session III

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

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

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

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

Please print name as it appears on Permit/License

Name: _____
Last
First
Middle Name or Initial

Address: _____
Street
City
State
Zip

Parent Email: _____ Student Email: _____

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

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

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

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

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

Parent Signature _____

Make checks payable to: Brockport Office of Driver Education

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

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



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*Sixty Hill School students underwent training
Nov. 17-18 to become Safe School Ambassadors.
The goal of the training is to reduce bullying and
improve the school climate.*

BROCKPORT OLIVER MIDDLE SCHOOL DRAMA CLUB PRESENTS



Mulan JR.

Performances:

Feb. 3, 2017 at 7 p.m. and Feb. 4, 2017 at 3:30 & 7 p.m.

Brockport High School Auditorium

Tickets are \$7 and can be purchased at the Oliver Middle
School main office or at the door on the day of the show.



Synopsis: Based on Disney's Oscar-nominated film, Disney's *Mulan JR.* is a heartwarming celebration of culture, honor, love and the fighting spirit. With hit songs and a story packed with action, humor and heart, Disney's *Mulan JR.* brings ancient China to life with a modern sensibility.

The Huns have invaded and it is up to the misfit Mulan and her mischievous dragon sidekick, Mushu, to save the Emperor! Defying the village matchmaker, Mulan takes up arms and disguises herself as a boy in order to spare her father from having to serve in the army. As the great battle with the Huns approaches, Mulan must choose between revealing her true identity as a girl or saving all of China with her clever plan.



The Addams Family

Kudos to the cast, crew, musicians, staff and volunteers who brought *The Addams Family* production to life! The high school presented four performances of the musical comedy from Nov. 10-13. The costumes were spectacular and the music added significantly to the overall production. The cast delivered lines that were laugh-out-loud funny and the sets portrayed the dark, goofy family perfectly. Great job to everyone involved!

