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From the Desk of Dr. Skinkis

The school year is in full swing and we are almost through first quarter. We will only be mailing home a Hawk Talk once a quarter due to budget cuts and reductions in operating costs. Parents and students should get in the routine of checking the BHS web page (www.u-46.org/bhs) at least twice a week to stay up to date on everything taking place at BHS. Please make note of the next page which explains a current fundraising program we are involved in with TARGET. This is a nice opportunity for BHS and it will not cost any additional money to parents or community members. The funds received from this program will go to maintain and operate the BHS web page. Your cooperation and support is appreciated!

Below is a highlight of some of the topics you need to be aware of and discussing with your student until the next edition of the HawkTalk is mailed out (February):

Course Selection:

- The registration process for selecting next year's classes will take place in December and January. Parents if you have any questions regarding the course selection process that begins in December please contact your student's counselor. I encourage you to sign your student up for at least one AP or Honors class. These types of classes have a significant advantage for the college application process, test preparation (ACT/SAT), and the possibility of earning college credit.

Important things to discuss with your student if they are a:

Senior:

- Scheduling time with a counselor to ensure the application process for colleges and universities is in progress and up to date.
- Retake the ACT: Seniors can retake the ACT to improve their overall ACT score. ACT only reports a student's highest score to colleges and universities, there is no penalty or publication of how many times a student takes the ACT.
- Check the weekly Scholarship Chart on the web page under the Guidance link.

Junior:

- Parents, it is strongly recommended that a student sign up and take at least one ACT test prior to the April testing date at BHS. This will provide students exposure to a regular ACT and enough time to identify areas of improvement prior to the ACT/PSAE in April. Remember, ACT only reports a student's highest score to colleges and universities, there is no penalty or publication of how many times a student takes the ACT. (National ACT dates: December 12, February 6)
- FREE ACT/PSAE test prep is available on the BHS web page (click on StudentEdge). The guidance office also has information on ACT Prep classes that students can sign-up for at their own expense. If enough students enroll in the classes they will be offered at BHS.

Sophomore:

- PLAN Test (October 29) Pre-ACT test, and powerful predictor of a student's success on the ACT.
- Get involved; join one of the many clubs or athletic teams at BHS.

Freshman:

- EXPLORE Test (October 27) forecasting test for the ACT with 9th grade students.
- Make sure your son/daughter have met their guidance counselor at least once before course selection begins in December.
- Get involved; join one of the many clubs or athletic teams at BHS.

Thank you, for your continued support!

Go Hawks!

Dr. Skinkis
Principal

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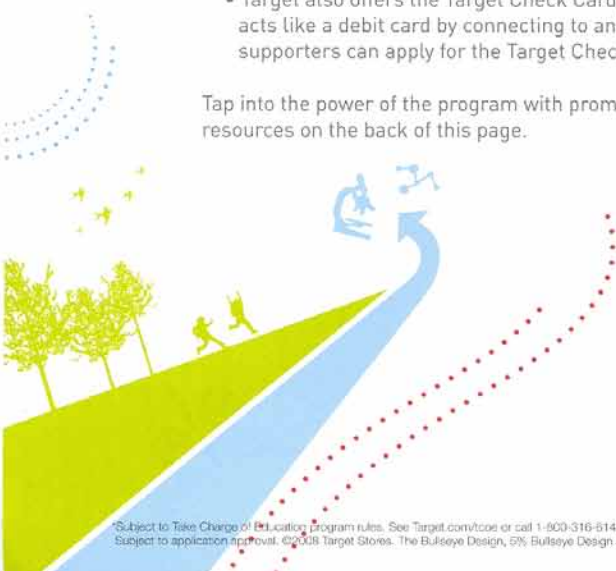
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From the Associate Principal's Office/Academics

Suzanne Colombe ~ Associate Principal/Language Arts Divisional

Bartlett Literacy Program

On Tuesday, October 13, the Language Arts department hosted a literacy night for parents. The focus of the event was the MAP, PLAN, and PSAE tests as well as literacy strategies to support student reading.

To continue our efforts in raising literacy, a new reading strategy will be posted on the Language Arts website each month for parents/guardians to review with their students. This month's strategies focus on summarizing and making inferences within a text. Please log on and practice with your student.

Another literacy event will be held in December. Details will be made available on the Bartlett website and through ConnectEd. If you have any questions please contact Jessica Williams, jessicawilliams@u-46.org, or Jennifer Vierneisel, jennyvierneisel@u-46.org.

Academics

Did you know that StudentEdge has **free, online homework help** for 12 different subjects? These detailed, interactive modules can be reviewed any time of the day and are even correlated to major textbooks. **To get there, log in to StudentEdge and click on the Homework Help tab.**

Get your students registered:

Your school's unique access code is **GKLHTVSF**. Students, parents, and other educators at your school will need to enter this code just one time when they register for their free StudentEdge account.

Registering is easy.

- Go to www.mystudentedge.com
- Enter access code: **GKLHTVSF** or click the following link to access your school's [registration page](#)
- Complete the registration form which includes setting up a username and password

Once registration is complete, users have full access to all of StudentEdge's tools and resources.

Don't have the access code handy? Don't worry, it is also possible to look up the access code right on the site.

**To see all updates for school events, please log onto
Bartlett High School's Website @ www.u-46.org/bhs.**

Advanced Placement (AP)

Todd Grabba ~ AVID & Advanced Placement/Dean

Steve Juracka ~ Social Studies/World Lang./Advanced Placement

Advanced Placement (AP) Courses College Eligibility vs. College Readiness

The minimum graduation requirements at BHS are designed to get students eligible for college admission. However, does this lead to students being ready to handle the rigor, self-discipline, and responsibility of demanding college courses? Research shows that the more rigorous the caseload a student takes in high school, the more likely they are to succeed in college. The most rigorous courses we offer here are our Advanced Placement (AP) courses.

AP courses are college level courses taught in the high schools and are overseen by an organization known as the College Board. A national curriculum is designed by collaboration between college professors and high school teachers. There is a culminating test in each course in May to determine if students can earn college credit while still in high school. Each exam costs approximately \$90.00 as opposed to the hundreds or thousands of dollars per tuition hour that colleges charge, and there is a reduced cost for students receiving free or reduced lunch.

Studies following students into college found that students who took one or more AP Exams were more likely than students who did not take any AP Exams to maintain a B average (in college), graduate with honors, and have more course work in the subject area of their AP Exams (Morgan and Maneckshana, 2000; Willingham and Morris, 1986). Also, 64% of students that earned a 3 or higher (scores range from a low of 1 to a high of 5) on one or more AP Exams were more likely to graduate from college in five years or less compared to 17% of students who did not take an AP course (Dougherty, Mellor, and Jian, 2006).

The number one goal at Bartlett High School is to increase the academic achievement of every student, and our AP program is essential to reaching this goal. To that end, BHS has encouraged increased enrollment in our AP courses, offered incentives to help pay for multiple exams taken (every third test is covered by BHS), and removed many course prerequisites that have previously hindered students from taking the AP courses. Below is a table listing all of the AP or Honors courses that prepare students to sit for the AP Exams.

Social Studies	World Language	Mathematics	Science	English
Honors Economics	Honors Spanish 7-8	AP Calculus AB	AP Biology	AP English Language
Honors Civics	Honors French 7-8	AP Calculus BC	AP Chemistry	AP English Literature
Honors Psychology	Honors German 7-8	AP Statistics	AP Physics	
AP US History				
AP World History				
AP European History				

From the Deans'/Attendance Office

Dr. Ronaye Bush ~ Assistant Principal

ATTENDANCE

In an effort to improve communication and awareness, you should receive informative letters when your son/daughter reaches 12 and 15 days of absence. District policy states “*When a student accumulates eighteen (18) absences in one semester, or twenty-five (25) absences during the first and second semesters combined, the student will be recommended to the Board of Education for expulsion, or may be allowed to withdraw with parent permission.*” All excused, unexcused, truancy, or suspension absences are included in the total permitted. **The issue of excused verses unexcused becomes a non-issue when the number of days absent becomes excessive.** Students who experience an extended illness, hospitalization, court appointments or family emergency will be allowed additional absences as deemed appropriate. However, **documentation is required.** We consider regular school attendance one of the most important factors in ensuring an appropriate education for your son/daughter.

SIGNING IN/OUT

All students must have prior permission to leave school during regular school hours. Students must sign out at the Attendance Office or, if they are ill, the Nurse’s Office. A student who does not sign out or have prior permission to leave school and chooses to do so will be considered truant. All students entering the building at a time other than their normal arrival time must sign in at the Attendance Office. If a student fails to sign in, the student will be recorded as truant.

TARDY TO SCHOOL

All students are allowed two (2) excused tardies to school per semester. In order for a student to be excused, the student’s parent/guardian must notify the Attendance Office and the student **must sign in at the Attendance Office upon his/her arrival to school.** Once a student has accumulated two excused tardies, any additional tardies are recorded as unexcused and the reason becomes a non-issue. In the case of a tardy you should continue to call the school, otherwise the student absence is recorded as truancy.

CALLING MACHINE

The Connect Ed system was installed at BHS last year. Currently, all five U-46 High Schools are using the system to make nightly calls for all unaccounted- for absences. This includes single period and all day absences. We are making an average of 150 calls per evening. We ask for your continued patience as we work through improvements and system errors. Please continue to ask your child to clear any **single period absences with their class teacher.** Please continue to call the Attendance Office at (630) 372-4700, Ext. 4710 on the day your student will be absent from school. The Attendance Office cannot clear **single period** absences. Our vision is to improve daily attendance...together, we can.

DRIVING

Our student drivers may have one day, one month, or at the most one year of driving experience. With the onset of winter, dangerous driving conditions ensue. Please discuss the importance of driving cautiously. Road construction or weather conditions are not valid reasons to be late to school. Expect delays - plan ahead!

WEATHER

On days of extreme weather conditions, please listen to area radio stations for instructions and information regarding school closings. The following stations will be notified by U-46 officials if schools are closed: WRMN (1410 AM) and WJKL (94.3 FM) in Elgin, WCRM (104 FM) in Dundee, WFXW (1480 AM) in Geneva, WGN, WBBM, and WMAQ AM-FM stations in Chicago.

Thank you for your continued support!

From the Guidance Office

Dona Taylor ~ Director of Guidance/Special Ed. Divisional

Counselors and social workers would like to welcome you back to school. We are excited to work with you and your students regarding personal issues, academic progress, or post-high school planning. Please take note of the following counselor assignments, as we have new counselor and social worker assignments for this year.

Counseling/Special Education Divisional

Mrs. Dona Taylor Ext. 4780

Counseling Department Secretary

Mrs. Weidner Ext. 4724

Counselor Student Service Assignments

A-Cas	Ms. Schwartz	Ext. 4639
Cat-Fri	Mr. VanBooven	Ext. 4191
Fry-Kai	Mrs. Fullhart	Ext. 4636
Kaj-Mila	Mr. Marszalek	Ext. 4638
Milb-Pow	Mrs. Hilvert	Ext. 4686
Poy-Sm	Mrs. Laursen	Ext. 4637
Sn-Z	Ms. Radcliffe	Ext. 4687

Social Worker Student Service Assignments

A-Lev	Ms. Brunton	Ext. 4716
Lex-Z	Mr. Johnson	Ext. 4786

Career Specialist

Mrs. Van Slyck Ext. 4087

Course Selection for 2010-2011

Keep in mind that course selection can strongly influence a student's future opportunities regarding college and career choice. We strongly encourage students to take rigorous courses and challenge themselves. Doing well in rigorous classes is the best preparation for college entrance exams, college success, and the world of work. Prior to pre-registration, students will attend a presentation which discusses graduation and college entrance requirements, along with course options for next year. Students will subsequently meet individually with their own counselors to make selections. Students will receive course selection sheets that request a parent signature. **Please review these course selections carefully with your child prior to pre-registration.** We urge you to discuss courses of study with your students and to be involved in the course selection process. We hope that students and parents will make thoughtful choices about courses for next year. Please note that opportunities for elective schedule changes will end before school begins in August in order to facilitate best possible class size and to minimize class disruption at the beginning of the year.

Senior Information

Upcoming Events

Wed., Nov. 18	7:40 a.m.	ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Abilities Battery)— measures abilities related to work
Wed., Jan. 20	7:00 p.m.	Financial Aid Night—for parents of seniors (Auditorium)
Sat., Jan. 23	8:00 a.m.	SAT Exam

Student Paths after High School: counselors will be meeting with seniors individually to help students plan for their future education and/or career. These meetings focus on goal setting, creating timelines, and sharing resources. It is our intention that every student attending Bartlett High School graduates with a well-defined post-high school plan.

College Applications - Reminder: seniors should submit applications to counselors as soon as possible so that they will be received by the January 1st deadline at many schools (remember holiday break). Please note that **some schools have priority deadlines in early November.** It is to the student's definite advantage to apply by that date. In addition, most state universities have rolling admissions that make applying early advantageous for students. Some applications are available in the Counseling Office. Many applications can be downloaded from college websites. Many colleges will also accept the "Common Application" available in Counseling Office. See your counselor for assistance. Applications are mailed to colleges through your counselor, along with student transcripts and a high school profile. Counselors can help students narrow down application choices, assist with college essays, write recommendations (after given a resume), and review applications.

Scholarship Assistance: local scholarship applications are sent to BHS. throughout the school year. Each week a list of current scholarships is compiled and posted in the Counseling Office, in civics and economics classes, and on the web site. These scholarship applications are available in the Counseling Office. If you wish to obtain a list of last year's scholarships, please stop in and ask for the "2010 Scholarship List". Another source of scholarship is fastweb.com, the largest online scholarship search. Students may also access collegezone.com, powered by the ISAC, Illinois Student Assistance Commission. It should be noted that most scholarship assistance comes directly from individual colleges.

Potential College Athletes

- **Register with the NCAA Eligibility Center in order to be eligible to participate in athletics at a Division I or a Division II college.** Visit <http://web1.ncaa.org/eligibilitycenter/common/>
- Speak with your student's counselor for more information regarding NCAA.

Junior Information

Upcoming Events

Sat., Jan. 23 @ 8:00 a.m.

SAT exam

Wed., March 10 @ 7:00 p.m.

College Blast-Off--for parents of juniors

Sat., Dec. 12 & Feb. 6 @ 8:00 a.m.

ACT Exam

Wed., April 28 & Thurs., April 29

PSAE—required for all juniors

Making the Most of Junior Year

Junior year is critical for students who will apply to college their senior year. Why? Sixth semester transcripts accompany all applications submitted. In other words, colleges will see only the first six semesters of a student's high school work when they review their application. While occasionally a college may request a 7th semester transcript before deciding to admit (or not), most make their decisions during first semester of senior year before final grades are given in January. In addition, even if a student did not reach his potential during his early high school years, colleges are looking for maturity and motivation reflected in good grades. Please encourage your juniors to "step on the gas" this year.

Sophomore Information

PLAN Test

The PLAN is a practice ACT taken by all sophomores in District U46. Bartlett students took the PLAN on October 29th. The exam lasts approximately three hours, and like the ACT, measures student achievement in English, Math, Science, and Reading. Students receive a score in each area, as well as a composite, or average score. The PLAN is a predictor of a student's ACT if he or she continues to progress in school at expected levels of achievement. Usually, the student will score approximately four points higher on the ACT than on the PLAN. Students also have an opportunity to take a career interest inventory as part of the PLAN. Counselors will visit English classes to explain the PLAN to students and help them begin career and college exploration using internet sources. The PLAN will also be used to focus on students' academic strengths and weaknesses so that focused remediation can occur. In addition, school-wide PLAN results will be analyzed by teachers and administrators in order to improve classroom instruction.

Freshman Information

Counselors visited biology classes to introduce students to academic high school requirements, allow students to assess personality traits as they relate to careers, and encourage students to set goals for freshman year. In addition, counselors will be meeting with small groups of freshmen to provide a brief introduction to the services the counseling department offers. We will discuss the role of counselors, how students sign up to see a counselor, and the importance of extracurricular activities. Throughout the year, freshmen will be utilizing career cruising, an online career and college search program. Students will be taken out of study halls and brought into the career center to begin designing their own online career portfolios.

LATE (Lunch Academic Tutoring Environment)

LATE is a program designed for freshmen as an early intervention for students struggling in core courses. Every week teachers complete an eligibility report indicating if students are failing or near failing a course. Students who are identified as failing biology, math, or English are then assigned to the LATE program. These students report to LATE during the first half of their lunch hours. During this time, counselors and peer tutors work with students to provide additional academic support. Once a student raises their grade to a passing grade, they are exited from the program. Our ultimate goal is to assist and equip students with the academic skills necessary to reach their full potential.



GOALS FOR BARTLETT HIGH SCHOOL:

- 1. RAISE THE ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE OF EVERY STUDENT**
- 2. BUILD A FIRST CLASS STUDENT ACTIVITIES PROGRAM**
- 3. PROVIDE A SAFE AND RESPECTFUL LEARNING ENVIRONMENT**
- 4. FOSTER A PROFESSIONAL LEARNING COMMUNITY BASED ON CREATIVITY, COLLABORATION, AND COLLEGIALITY**

The Arts and Bartlett High School

Lorelei Keltner, Divisional ~ Career & Technical Ed./Fine Arts

Fine Arts Fall & Holiday Season

The Fall Concert Series provides something for every music lover at one of our three upcoming performance events. **Orchestra** will open the Concert season on Nov 18, the **Band** will present their selections on Dec 3, and the **Choir** will perform on Dec 10. The BHS Choir welcomes to their concert, guest performers from the area middle and elementary schools in, *Women of Note*. The Fall Concerts will be performed in the Bartlett High School Auditorium beginning at 7:00 pm.

As a delightful opening to your Holiday Season, you won't want to miss the Madrigal Feast being celebrated on December 15, 16 and 17 at Bartlett Hills. This local venue is transformed to provide a truly magical recreation of the *Great Hall* dining experience from the Middle Ages, complete with a Renaissance feast and entertainment fit for royalty.

Market Day Delivered

If grocery shopping, cooking dinner *and* getting to the High School during the week nights to attend all of the exciting BHS events is just too much for your busy schedule, we have got a solution! Support the Bartlett High School Fine Arts Program by ordering from Market Day — it's the next best thing to Peapod®. For your ordering convenience, use the online feature at www.MarketDay.com. On pick-up day, you don't even have to leave the warmth and comfort of your vehicle...the Fine Arts student volunteers will provide curbside service, delivering your order promptly to your car upon arrival at the BHS pick-up station just outside the cafeteria doors.

From the Athletic Office

Jeff Bral ~ Athletic Director/P.E. Divisional

The athletic office has had a busy fall. We would like to congratulate sophomore golfer Samantha Coyne who qualified for the IHSA State Championships that were held in Carbondale, IL. Our girls volleyball and boys soccer teams are both #4 seeds in their respective sectionals and we hope for deep advancement into the state series. As the rest of the teams conclude their season, we anticipate and wish for both team and individual success. Good luck to all of you!

When one season ends, another begins. Please note the following dates for winter sports:

- *Start date for Boys Bowling is October 26th.
- *Tryouts for Girls Basketball will be on November 2nd.
- *Tryouts for Boys Basketball will be on November 9th.
- *Start date for Girls Bowling, Gymnastics, & Wrestling is November 9th.
- *Start date for Boys Swimming is November 23rd.

Registration begins on Wednesday, October 21, 2009 in the athletic office and ends on Monday, November 9, 2009. Registration times are 7:00 AM-7:30 AM and 3:00 PM-3:30 PM, no exceptions. Packets are available in the athletic office. Please make sure you bring all of the necessary forms filled out completely. Please visit www.athletics2000.com/bartlett for necessary forms and answers to most questions you may have.

We look forward to seeing you this coming winter!

HOMECOMING

Homecoming this year was a great success. This year's theme was "Cities Never Sleep". Each class council picked a city to use as their decorating theme. Seniors were Las Vegas, Juniors New York City, Sophomores were Cairo, and the freshmen elected Paris. Thank you to all who came out to see the parade and many thanks to Joe Cotton Ford for the use of the Convertibles for the Homecoming Court. Congratulations to this year's Homecoming Queen, Brooke Kashnowski, and King, Larry Whitaker! Students

competed in Penny Wars throughout the week and collected over \$1100 in change. 25% of the money was donated to the American Red Cross and the remaining money was divided equally by the class councils to help pay for Homecoming decorations. At the annual Hawkfest Carnival, there were 25 different clubs that had a booth. Highlights included a bungee run, 3 Point shoot out, sumo wrestling, a haunted house, and lots of food. The evening also included a DJ and was capped off with a professional fireworks display.

Student Council Events - Food Drive & Giving Tree

Student Council will be sponsoring a Food Drive November 2-6, and all items will go to the Resurrection Pantry on Army Trail. After Thanksgiving, please be sure to stop by the Main Office and grab a tag off the Giving Tree. Each tag represents a gift request from a Bartlett HS student or their family. By taking a tag, you agree to purchase the gift asked for on the tag, purchase a gift certificate, or provide a donation to Student Council to purchase a gift on your behalf. Please limit gifts to around \$20-30; if you want to spend more, please take more tags! Return your unwrapped gift to the main office no later than Tuesday December 8th. Student Council will wrap all the gifts and the guidance counselors will deliver the gifts.



Achievement Boosted by Collaboration (ABC Day)

ABC is a plan that allows the time for collaboration, discourse, and professional development for all teachers with minimal impact on students and the school day. ABC provides blocks of time within the school calendar for teams of teachers to work together on the BHS Learning Target Initiative. BHS Learning Targets include quarterly objectives and assessment. Additionally, teachers analyze quarter assessment data to drive instruction. This plan does require an adjusted schedule for students, which includes a late start time. For those students that cannot arrange for a late ride, the normal bus transportation will be provided. For those students that can arrange for their own transportation, first period will begin **promptly** at 8:36 a.m. The following dates are for the months of November through February 2009-10:

November 3, 2009
December 1, 2009
January 5, 2010
February 2, 2010

From the Nurse's Office

Cindy Maloney, R.N. ~ School Nurse

HEALTHY CHOICES

By Cindy Maloney, R.N., Certified School Nurse



I want to share with you the district's initiatives to prevent the spread of the H1N1 flu virus or any other cold, flu viruses. There are three carts at BHS with hand sanitizer for staff and student use. The carts are located in the cafeteria and in the main hallway on the second floor. Attendance is tracked daily for flu symptoms by the District Safety and Security Department and reported to the county health departments.

Please do **not** send your student to school if their symptoms include a **fever** at 100 degrees or higher with a sore throat and/or cough. Any student or staff member who has these symptoms will be excluded from school until they are fever free for 24 hours **without** the use of fever reducing medications.

Precautions to avoid getting or spreading infection include:

- Staying home when sick.
- Washing your hands frequently with soap and water or the use of hand sanitizer. Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth.
- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue or cough and sneeze into your elbow or sleeve if you do not have a tissue.

For more information or questions, please do not hesitate in contacting me at ext. 4790. Other resources include: <http://www.u-46.org>, www.flu.gov, www.idph.state.il.us/h1n1_flu, or <http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu>.

DISTRICT NEWS

ADULT EDUCATION AND FAMILY LITERACY CLASSES BEGIN!

The Adult Education program of School District U46 has been continuously funded by ISBE/ICCB since the late 1970's, serving approximately 600 students annually. This program offers individualized and small group instruction for GED classes in English and Spanish. Free daytime and evening classes are available. In addition, daytime and evening computer and office training classes are offered. Eligibility requirements apply. An additional component available to students is the Family Literacy program providing age-appropriate materials for pregnant and parenting students.

To enroll in any of our classes or for more information please call 847-888-5000 x 5318.