

Boulder HighLights



Boulder High Parents' Newsletter

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FROM KEVIN BRANEY, PRINCIPAL

Dear Students, Parents, and Friends of Boulder High School,

I realize the snow is melting and people may be thinking about spring break, but this is the month of March at Boulder High. It is time for 9th and 10th graders to take the TCAP tests — March 6, 7, 13, and 14. It is time for parent-teacher conferences — March 6 (L–Z) and 8 (A–K). We look forward to a strong showing from our students during TCAP and hope to see you at conferences.

TCAP (Formerly CSAP)

As many of you know, TCAP scores are used by the state to “rate” schools. Many colleges and universities use this rating as one measure of the quality of education received at a particular school. Boulder High has excelled on these exams in the past and hopes to continue into the future. A big factor in this rating is conscientious student participation.

Please support us during the testing window and encourage your son or daughter to do their very best, knowing the impact of the exam is about the school as a whole and we all need to row together on this for the good of Boulder High. TCAP data is also a component of our School Accountability Committee (SAC) goals-setting process from one year to the next. This information serves as a catalyst for much of the decision making that is made about our school improvement work. Also, this standardized testing is good practice for college entrance exams. I urge you to encourage your child to do their best. We very much need the support, and I thank you in advance for your efforts. Following is a link to the TCAP Bell Schedule:

p12.bvsd.org/boulderhigh/bellschedule.aspx?sched=TCAPSchedule

Spring Conferences

March 6 (L–Z) and 8 (A–K), 4:00–7:30 pm

Parent-teacher conferences are a great opportunity to meet your child’s teacher and hear first-hand about your child’s progress. Conferences are held arena-style in our two gyms. We do try to keep the time to about five minutes per conference, in consideration of those waiting. If you expect you need more time, please don’t hesitate to contact the teacher and set up a meeting for another time.

School Improvement Work 2011–2012

As you may know, the Boulder High faculty and administration have committed significant energy to enhance the learning experience for all students. Below are a few updates that I want to share:

During our Wednesday morning late starts, BHS faculty focus their work on four questions:

- What do we want students to know, understand, or be able to do?
- How do we teach effectively to ensure students learn?
- How will we know if students have learned it?
- What do we do when students don’t learn OR have reached proficiency ahead of schedule?

First semester we introduced the purpose of Professional Learning Communities (PLCs) and spent time writing short-, medium- and long-term course-specific goals. Some teams created common assessments and others focused on pacing and rigor. Based on staff input, we have added some flexibility to our PLC time second semester allowing teachers to collaborate on educational technology. The literacy PLC allows us to work as a whole school on creating a culture of purpose-driven reading.

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BHS has hosted two collaborative TIES visits, where district and school administrators as well as BHS teachers spend the day in classrooms and reflecting with teachers on what high-quality instruction looks like at Boulder High. This year we are focusing our conversation around five key instructional strategies, which should be evident in every lesson:

- Students are actively engaged in the learning activity
- The teacher communicates the learning target/goal to students
- The teacher adjusts instruction relative to the evidence of student learning
- The teacher checks for understanding during a lesson
- Teacher provides multiple opportunities for students to demonstrate learning

Based on the work that came out of our last TIES visit, we continued the conversation on our recent professional development day defining and delineating teacher and student actions related to each of the above strategies.

On November 15 and then again on January 24 a group of teachers, administrators and parents met to begin the work on creating an instructional framework for Boulder High School. The purpose of the framework is to identify and clarify instructional commitments to bring about better clarity on what excellent teaching is at Boulder High and how to best support it. The group identified four focus areas: relationships and environment, instructional strategies, assessment and planning, and the new-century graduate.

Budget Update 2012–2013

The school district and Boulder High are beginning 2012–2013 budget discussions. The recent announcement of a potential \$13.9 million budget shortfall for BVSD makes these discussions a challenge. While the specific impact of what this might mean for BHS is unclear, please know I will continue to keep you informed as information develops. Specifically, I anticipate the budget serving as a standing discussion item at the remaining Parent Advisory Council meetings for the rest of the year.

It was great to see so many of you at the Academic Letter Program Night — congratulations to our amazing scholars! I thank you for your continued support of our staff and programs here at Boulder High — we really couldn't do it without you.

Enjoy your spring break.

GO, PANTHERS!

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8th Period Explained

Some of you may be wondering, “What is this 8th period on my student’s schedule?”

8th period, which began last semester, is a mandatory, individualized, academic support time for struggling 9th and 10th graders. On Mondays students earning failing grades are informed by their teachers that they are expected to attend 8th period (3:00–3:30 pm) on Tuesday and Thursday. Students report to teachers during this time to get individual and small-group help on class concepts and assignments, and make-up/retake missing assignments, quizzes, and exams. Students’ schedules are updated to reflect this 8th period class each Monday, so you can check your child’s schedule in Infinite Campus and talk to them about their 8th period assignment Monday after 4 pm. When your child’s grade is passing, your child will no longer be assigned to 8th period.

TAP still exists as a voluntary support time from 2:30–3:30 pm on Wednesdays.

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Opportunities Abound!

Summer

Be sure to check out classes, seminars, workshops, and leadership/service opportunities. You will be developing a résumé throughout high school.

Fall 2012 Concurrent Enrollment

Apply in early April for concurrent classes at CU or Front Range for the 2012 fall semester. Check with your counselor for specific guidelines.

Important Dates!!!

March 7, 8:30 am, ACT Practice Test

There will be a free ACT Practice Test for juniors on March 7 at 8:30 am in the Boulder High School auditorium.

Students need to pre-register at

kaptest.com/practicetest. On March 15 at 6:00 pm in the BHS auditorium, testing strategies and results from the March 7 ACT practice test will be given. Parents are invited and encouraged to attend.

April 24, ACT Test

All juniors will take the ACT (no writing section) at Boulder High on April 24. Mandated by the state of Colorado, there is no cost to the student and no pre-registration is necessary.

April 24, 7 pm, College Planning Night for Juniors & Parents

Juniors and parents are encouraged to attend this event in the BHS auditorium.

May 7–18, Advanced Placement Tests

The test schedule is available on the Counseling department web pages under **Testing**. Register now online on the Boulder High website. Submit payment and registration confirmation to *Jonetta Roy* in the Counseling office.

2011–12 ACT / SAT / AP Test Dates & Registration Deadlines

ACT		SAT		AP
Test Date	Regular Registration	Test Dates	Regular Registration	Test Dates
Apr. 14	Mar. 9	May 5	Apr. 6	May 7–18, 2012
June 9	May 4	June 2	May 8	
Register online at www.act.org		Check www.collegeboard.com for registration dates		Testing schedule is available on the Counseling website
Note: For testing and college applications, the code for Boulder High School is 060–115.				

2012–2013 Counseling Curriculum Schedule

Current best-practice philosophy in guidance counseling always emphasizes a set curriculum for all students. On many days, counselors are delivering lessons in classrooms to have an impact on as many students as they possibly can. If your counselor is not in his or her office, there is a Counselor On Call to give you a hand. Here is the current schedule for meeting with your child to get them the information they need not only for high school graduation, but for developing career interests and college selection as well:

- **Freshman Year:** Fall and spring classroom visits to begin individual career and academic plans (ICAP), set academic, career and personal goals for the year, complete the first draft of a four-year academic plan, and to do the first career interest inventory. Counselors meet individually with at-risk students to help with the transition to high school. Course selection assemblies and individual teacher advising help students select their courses for the following year.
- **Sophomore Year:** Fall and spring classroom visits to continue individual career and academic plans (ICAP). Students revise goals, do a Meyers-Briggs personality inventory and begin to tie personality-type to career possibilities and college majors. Students begin a resume, update their four-year academic plan, and investigate some college search options. Course selection assemblies and individual teacher advising help students select their courses for the following year.
- **Junior Year:** Juniors begin the year with an assembly that highlights college admissions requirements, including the recommended standardized testing schedule for juniors and seniors. Classroom visits are held in the fall to continue with the individual career and academic plans (ICAP), and in January we go back into the classroom to teach about college entrance requirements, testing schedules, college search options and the timetable for college admissions. There is also a College Night in the spring for juniors and their parents to help with college applications and college search process.
- **Senior Year:** Seniors begin the year with an assembly that highlights college admissions requirements, including the recommended standardized testing schedule for seniors. Students learn the process for having their school records sent to colleges and for getting letters of recommendation from their teachers in a timely manner. This meeting is followed by individual meetings with each senior to check the student's graduation plan and the progress toward picking post-secondary options. Counselors offer in-state and out-of-state college fairs, as well as visits with college admissions representatives in the fall. In addition, there is a Financial Aid Night in November and a FAFSA (federal student aid form) help night in February. Seniors are our most frequent visitors throughout the fall semester as we negotiate the college applications process together.

AP Test Registration Deadlines Approaching

If you have a student who is planning on taking an AP Exam in May, please make sure that they register for the exam through the Boulder High School website. To get to the AP Program page, click on **Programs** and then **Advanced Placement**. Scroll down to the "Links" box to find the registration form link and other related information. The regular test registration closes on Thurs., March 1 at 4:00 pm (\$87.00 per test). Late registration starts Fri., March 2 at 7:00 am and closes on Fri., March 16 at 4:00 pm (\$137.00 per test). If you have any questions, please contact *Marianne Chavez* (marianne.chavez@bvsd.org).

What is Naviance??

Naviance is a web-based program for college-bound students. All students are introduced to Naviance in their freshman year and are given a password from their counselor (parents may also get a password from their child's counselor). Naviance offers a personality/career assessment as well as a "learning styles" assessment. Students, counselors, and parents will use this program for college evaluation, selection, application tracking, and as a tool for letters of recommendation.

For more information on Naviance, see the Counseling department web pages on Boulder High's website.

The Big Question: What Are Colleges Looking For?

In general, by the end of your junior year your transcript should show rigor (or increasing rigor) in your coursework:

- A solid track record of course grade improvement each semester/grade level or maintenance of a solid high level of performance.
- Successful completion of challenging courses expands your college options.
- Good test scores.

Specifically, your coursework should include:

- Four years *each* of English, math, social studies, and science.
- Two years of a world language, maybe three.
- Electives in computers, humanities (art/music), PE, Language Arts (such as speech, debate, journalism).

Notes on Testing:

- Take admissions tests by the end of grade 11 or in the fall of grade 12.
- Taking tests in grade 11 allows you time to retake tests in the fall of grade 12.
- Check college entrance requirements to see which test(s) is(are) required: ACT, SAT I, SAT Subject Tests.
- The SAT covers math through Algebra 2, so it is best to complete this plus geometry by the end of grade 11.
- The ACT tests analytical skills, so take courses (like lab sciences) that improve these skills.
- SAT Subject Tests are culminating tests in specific coursework. You should take them in May or June, if possible.
- All test registration is done either online or through the mail (materials in the Counseling office).

Spring is coming...Stay on track!

Seniors:

- College acceptances are *provisional* until your final senior grades are in, so continue to do your best work.
- Submit scholarship applications strictly according to deadlines; check Naviance for new scholarships.
- Write to other colleges to withdraw your application once you have been accepted and have confirmed that acceptance with the college of your choice.
- Submit a request for a final transcript to the Counseling office in early May.

Juniors:

- Begin/continue your college search; narrow your choices; check out college websites & admission criteria (including required tests).
- Select courses required for college or for specific post-high school skilled jobs.
- Visit colleges and meet college reps in the Counseling office (mostly in October — check posted listing/Naviance).
- Begin serious investigation of military academies for requirements.

Sophomores & Freshmen:

- Keep track of your courses and graduation requirements.
- When selecting classes remember to consider what colleges/skilled trades want.

SAT/ACT Testing for Juniors and Seniors

The SAT and ACT are designed to assess your academic readiness for college. Most colleges accept either test in their admissions process. The ACT (without the Writing section) is given once for juniors at their home high school in April of the junior year. Many students take a second ACT+Writing in the fall of the senior year. Students need to register for ACTs other than the free April test at www.actstudent.org.

Students register for the SAT and/or SAT Subject Tests on their own at www.collegeboard.com.

The testing sequence recommended most frequently for students is as follows:

October, junior year:	PSAT
April, junior year:	ACT
May or June, junior year:	SAT
Fall, senior year:	One more SAT or ACT, depending on which test favored the student the first time through.

Students applying to colleges and universities that require SAT Subject Tests need to work these tests into their testing schedule as well.

Some options for test preparation include using the free, full-length SAT and ACT practice tests on the websites, taking advantage of the free ACT practice test at Boulder High School on March 7 at 8:30 am, in conjunction with the March 15 Testing Strategies session (6:00 pm, Boulder High Auditorium). Boulder Lifelong Learning offers courses at the website bvsd.org/LLL/Pages/home.aspx and publishes information on outside resources that families may choose to consult for help; see www.bvsd.org/guide/Pages/disclaimer.aspx. Googling "SAT/ACT test preparation Boulder" yields many possibilities as well.

2012 Impact on Education Award

Congratulations to BHS art teacher Virginia Schick,
winner of a 2012 *Impact Award*

"This award recognizes BVSD individuals
who have an extraordinary impact on student learning
through innovative teaching skills, exceptional job dedication,
and inspirational leadership."

The 20th Annual *Impact Award* Celebration will be held
at the historic Boulder Theater in downtown Boulder
on Wednesday evening, March 21, 2012 at 7 pm.

PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

Greetings from PAC! We are very pleased to announce that *Dr. Bruce Messinger*, the Boulder Valley School District Superintendent, will be speaking at our April PAC Meeting. Dr. Messinger, who joined BVSD in July, 2011, will tell us about his vision for the school district and take questions from the audience. The meeting will be held in the BHS library on Wednesday, April 25 at 6:00 pm. Dr. Messinger will be first on the agenda, so please plan to arrive by 6:00. We'll serve refreshments so those of you coming straight from work won't go hungry. A Spanish interpreter will be available.

To further PAC's goal of improving communications between families and Boulder High, we will soon send a communications survey to all families, either by email or postal service. The survey will be fairly short so please take the time to respond. The more responses we get, the better we'll be able to address the needs of the school community.

PAC is also moving forward with plans to improve the state of the school grounds. This spring we'll be hiring a landscaper to help make the outside of the school reflect the pride and achievement of its students. Stay tuned to eNews and *HighLights* for updates.

All Boulder High parents and guardians are invited to participate in monthly PAC meetings. Meetings are held in the Library Reference Room, 6:00–7:30 pm. A schedule of PAC meetings can be found at bhspac.org/current_year_meetings.html.

If you have questions, feedback or would like to offer to help out in any way, please don't hesitate to email us at: chairs@bhspac.org

Marcella Setter and India Wood
PAC Co-Chairs
www.bhspac.org



Upcoming PAC Meetings

Wed., Mar. 21, 6 pm

Wed., Apr. 25, 6 pm

Meetings are in the
Library Reference Room

STUDENT COUNCIL

Student Council has many upcoming events for March and April.

- Thurs., March 22 – The Spring Rally will include a prom preview, friendly competitions, and recognition of the spring sports teams.
- Thurs., April 19 – Student Council elections organized by seniors.
- Thurs., April 26 – Don't Drink and Drive Assembly organized by sophomores.
- Fri., April 27 – Sunset Cinema organized by freshmen.
- Sat., April 28 – Prom organized by juniors. The theme will be announced March 22nd at the Spring Rally. If any parents are interested in chaperoning for prom, please contact our advisor Ms. *Palmer* at ruthie.palmer@bvsd.org or Mary *Cait* at marycait.milliff@gmail.com

For Staff Appreciation we recently gave the faculty chocolate and notes thanking them for all they do for our school.

In addition, our Student Council is actively involved in the State Student Council. The two state projects this year are The Make a Wish Foundation and Special Olympics. We will be hosting an "R-word" campaign in March for Special Olympics and are hoping to put on a benefit for the Make a Wish Foundation!

“Art in the Fast Lane” March 2012 at the Public Library

During March the Boulder High Art Department has an exhibit entitled “Art in the Fast Lane” in the Boulder Public Main Library’s Teen Art Gallery (on the Bridge). The opening reception on Friday, March 2, 4:00–6:00 pm will feature live music from BHS performing art students. Light refreshments will be served. *All are welcome.*

Student Opportunities

The Boulder High Art department is beginning the process of cultivating permanent gallery space throughout our school. Students have the paid opportunity to try their hands at being curators, artists and art critics for the gallery space. Each gallery will have an emphasis on clay, painting or photography.

The City of Boulder has asked BHS students to become involved with the public art process of some design work done along 15th Street between Canyon Boulevard and Arapahoe. Yet another wonderful opportunity for our Art Department to be involved in the community! Although the process is underway, it is not too late to be involved. Interested students should contact *Kate Villarreal* in Pottery Room 1504.

2012 Scholastic Art Awards

BVSD middle and high school artists won 45 awards in the regional Scholastic Art competition this year, receiving 12 Gold Key awards and 12 Silver Key awards. Boulder High is very proud of its five winners who received a total of ten awards. The names of the students and their works of art are listed below.

The Gold Key winners now go on to compete at the national level where they may win cash grants, special financial aid consideration, and an invitation to the Gala Ceremony held at Carnegie Hall in New York City.

All of the winning pieces are on display at Rocky Mountain College of Art and Design in Denver in the Philip J. Steele Gallery, Rotunda Pavilion, and Alumni Gallery from February 11 to March 2. www.rmcd.edu/scholastic-art-awards-colorado

Gold Key Portfolio

Dylan Kahn — Art Portfolio

Silver Keys

Luisa Jaeger — *How Long Is Now*

Dylan Kahn — *Oscar*

Sasha Matejka — *Mask*

Sasha Matejka — *Number Three*

Daphne Takahashi — *True Colors*

Gold Key

Dominique Fenichell — Painting – *Juda*

Honorable Mentions

Dylan Kahn — *Caroline*

Daphne Takahashi — *At the Laughing Goat*

Daphne Takahashi — *Coffee Talk*

The Scholastic Art & Writing Awards are coordinated by The Alliance for Young Artists & Writers, a not-for-profit organization. Since the well-known publishing house Scholastic founded the program in 1923, more than 13 million of America’s most talented teens have participated in the awards. This continues to be the longest-running, most prestigious recognition program for creative teens in the U.S., and the largest source of scholarships for young artists and writers.

Best Volunteer Job at BHS Positions Available for Next Year!

As parent volunteers ourselves, we know that taking time out of your work and family schedule on an ongoing basis can be tough. That's why we think being on the Student Directory committee is one of the best volunteer jobs at BHS.

Here are all of the reasons being on the BHS Directory committee is great

- By mid-September you're done for the year! The job entails one meeting in the spring and one in early fall, with the bulk of work taking place over a few days in the beginning of the school year. By mid-September, you're done! It's perfect if you really want to help out the school but don't have time to do so on a regular basis.
- Working on the Directory is creative and fun. Jobs include design and layout, selling ads to businesses that are enthusiastic about supporting BHS, proofing (Did you use to like to play school teacher? This is your opportunity to break out the red pens!), data entry (OK, that might not be super creative, but you get a tremendous sense of accomplishment when you've finished a complete book), and more!
- The Student Directory directly benefits our kids. The money raised from Directory sales goes to PAC and Student Council to fund activities for our kids.
- The Directory is a valuable resource for families. It includes contact information for BHS students and parents, teachers, and committee members.
- There's coffee. From initial meetings to the proofing "party", much coffee is consumed. Just sayin'.

We are looking for three enthusiastic new people to train for the following jobs for the 2012–13 school year.

- Overall Directory Manager
- Advertising Designer and Coordinator
- Distribution Coordinator

*Ad sales. Generally a dual role for either the Directory Manager or Distribution Coordinator.

What do you think? Interested? Email *Donna Crain* at craindonna@mac.com or *Brenda Bruening* at brenda@bruening.net

PANTHER CLUB

The Panther Athletic Booster Club is a nonprofit organization that supports all BHS athletics. One of our key goals is to provide financial assistance to our athletic programs when their needs are not covered by the school district budget or by the individual teams' fundraising efforts.

Panther Club membership forms are available on our website at www.boulderpantherclub.com or from your teams' parent representatives. Donations are tax deductible, and members receive a 2011/12 discount card with discounts from 15 local businesses.

We are currently updating our Panther Club card for the 2012/2013 school year. If you know of any business that would like to participate by adding themselves to the discount card, please let us know. It's a great way to support BHS and promote your business.

We are still looking to fill key positions, including Membership Co-Chairperson, Vice President and Spirit Sales Co-Chair. In addition we need two team representative spots filled: Women's Golf and Men's Tennis.

Please feel free to email any questions to bhsmemberships@gmail.com

Go, Panthers!



Panther Club Meeting

Monday, March 12
BHS Library, 6 pm

Carmina Burana

The BHS Music Department will be performing *Carmina Burana* Thursday, May 3 at 7 pm in the BHS Auditorium. The performance will include two orchestras, the Wind Ensemble, and all three choirs as well as performers from CU and the Boulder community. This concert is free and open to the public.

We are encouraging talented parents and community members to take part in *Carmina Burana*. We are ask-

ing for a commitment to attend four out of seven after-school rehearsals. If you would like to participate, please contact our Choir Dept. Chair, *Susan Kullman*, at susan.kullman@bvsd.org by March 1. She will go over the rehearsal schedule, and you will be given sheet music and a CD to help you prepare.

Please plan on attending and/or performing in this amazing event!

Other Band, Jazz, and Orchestra News

The Boulder High orchestras and choirs will be traveling to Grand Junction to attend the Colorado West Invitational Music Performance Tournament, April 19–21. Good Luck to all!

North Boulder Middle Level Orchestra and Band Festivals. As part of our continual outreach to our middle-level feeder schools, BHS hosts instrumental music students from Centennial, Casey, Nederland, and Platt who work with our students and perform at Boulder

High on February 28 & 29. Many thanks to our students and parent helpers working to make this event a success.

Boulder High School will be hosting jazz students from Norway, April 17–27. We want to welcome these students and organize events to make their time in Boulder memorable. If you have ideas on activities or want to help, please contact *Terry Holum* at tmholum@gmail.com.

Other Choir News

Congratulations to *Tilda Gross* and *Ben Price* for representing the Choir Department in the All-State Jazz Choir and to *Ben Price* and *Bibi Vellandi* for participating in the Colorado All-State Choir. They represented BHS very well, and gained valuable experience in their rehearsal and performance process.

The annual Small Acts concert for the BHS choirs is Tuesday, March 13 at 7 pm in the First Presbyterian Annex. The concert will feature all three choirs as well as small performing groups showcasing original music and arrangements. The cost is \$10 a ticket or \$20 per family. Refreshments will be provided. Please plan on supporting BHS choirs!

Upcoming Events

March 20	IMPA Meeting, 7 pm, Band Room
April 12–14	Colorado All-State Band
April 17	IMPA Meeting, 7 pm, Band Room
April 17–27	Norway jazz students in Boulder
April 19–21	Grand Junction tournament



Boulder High School Ultimate Frisbee

“One! Two! Three! HULA! Four! Five! Six! DO WORK!!” Boulder High School’s Ultimate Frisbee team pre-game chant echoes across the campus every Thursday as the team, nicknamed “Hula,” prepares for a match against one of over twenty other high school teams in the state. Since the club was founded in 2005, it has grown into one of the most distinctive organizations in the school.

High School Ultimate Frisbee has two seasons: a “mixed,” or co-ed, season in the fall, and a split-gender season in the spring. Starting last year, Boulder High has had enough turnout to field its own girls’ team. Both teams have committed and talented players that have shown promise as future Ultimate players: players from both teams have been invited to try out for both state and national leagues. Boulder High is proud to say that several of its athletes have been accepted on these higher-level teams.



Senior *Oak Nelson* “laying out” for a disk in the State Semi-finals.

This year the team enjoyed its most successful year yet, with a 54-person roster and a third-place finish at the fall state championships. For the first time ever, turnout was large enough to merit a JV and varsity team, both of which offered strong competition to rival schools.

“We had a really good time this year,” said senior *Joshua Armitage*. “Everyone has a great time everyday. The team is really just a big group of friends who gets together to have fun while getting a great workout.”

While the team is comprised mostly of seniors, it also boasts a large freshman representation. Ultimate Frisbee is taking off across the nation (with double-digit percentage increases in participation every year since 2009) and is organized by USA Ultimate, a Boulder-based organization. It is no wonder that Hula is taking off as a club at Boulder High.

Senior captain and part-time coach *Oak Nelson* says that “the team faces stiff competition from other powerhouses, returning champions Denver East, Monarch, and Fairview, but has a great chance of winning the Open Division State Championships this spring.”

The team is definitely going for it. They started practice in early January and have practiced four days a week since then — rain, snow or shine.

“The snow practices are the most fun of all! We had this great one in December when there was more than a foot of snow on the ground; it was perfect for layouts,” says senior captain *Eric Miller*.

“It won’t be easy, but I think we have a really good team this year, and if we work hard, anything is possible,” says *Nelson*.

Best of luck to Boulder High Ultimate in the coming years! Interested students can contact the club through sponsor *Ben Boyer* at ben.boyer@bvsd.org



Senior *Riley Carpenter* fighting for a catch against Lakewood High School

FUTURE BUSINESS LEADERS OF AMERICA

Boulder High FBLA Have Impressive Results at District Competition

The Colorado Future Business Leaders of America held the District 2 Competition on Friday, February 17 at Strasburg High School. By being a top-three finisher in their respective District events, the following BHS members qualified to participate at the FBLA State Competition in Vail, Colorado on April 22–24, 2012.

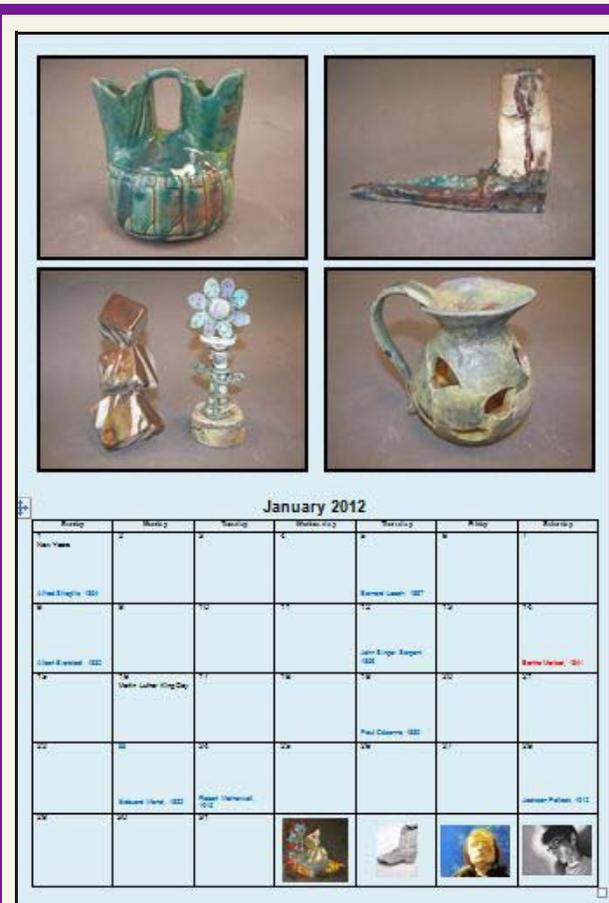
- *Samantha Leonard*, junior, Third Place in Business Calculations
- *Katie Hall*, junior, First Place in Business Procedures
- *Olivia Barry*, junior, Second Place in Business Procedures
- *Bonnie Drake*, junior, Second Place in Hospitality Management
- *Katie McGee*, junior, First Place in Business Communications
- *Riker Morss*, sophomore, Second Place in Impromptu Speaking
- *Michael Hansen*, sophomore, First Place in Personal Finance and First Place in Introduction to Business

Now it is on to the State Competition where these students will try to qualify to participate in the National FBLA Competition later this summer.

Beautiful calendars
featuring art created by
Boulder High art students!
Just \$5 each.

Contact a BHS art teacher,
or buy one at the March 2 opening
reception of "Art in the Fast Lane"
at the Boulder Public Library

Proceeds benefit
BHS Visual Arts Scholarships
for student art supplies.



Get Money Smart

Everyone these days is looking for ways to save money...at the grocery store, department stores, through lower energy consumption, driving less, etc. But have you ever stopped to think how much financial services are costing you each month and over the years? Monthly fees, interest rates, penalties for abusive service, and the list goes on.

Your children in high school will be graduating in several months or over the next few years and will be entering the real world. Things will come at them very fast and if they are not money smart, they may end up like many 18- to 22-year-olds... in over their heads in debt without a clue on how to get themselves out.

Starting out on the right foot is key.

First, encourage them to start saving more and spending less. Set up a budget that outlines allowed expenses and includes regular savings. Then after a few weeks or a month make adjustments, but stick to it and somehow make it work. Cutting down on lattes, fast food and entertainment can make a big difference.

Second, help them open a Savings and even a Checking Account that THEY can manage, that it is conve-

nient for THEM. The school's Student Credit Union (sponsored by Boulder Valley Credit Union) is a perfect place for that. It provides financial products and services with no or very low fees, no or very low account balance requirements, and lower financing rates when they are ready to borrow for their first car or get their first credit card. While you may be able to get them free services at YOUR bank today, down the road free services will be a thing of the past and fees will erode away at their accounts. Where you have an account does make a difference.

Third, sit down with them after receiving their monthly statements and help them balance their account(s). Discuss the successes or make some adjustments and help them understand the importance of responsibly managing their accounts and that you are there to assist them in any way. A little bit of coaching now will pay handsome dividends for many years to come.

If you have any questions, contact our Business/ Finance teacher, Mr. Tuttle, or Steve Carr at Boulder Valley Credit Union (scarr@bvku.org or 30.415.3504).

College Scholarships From Boulder Valley Credit Union for Graduating Seniors

The sponsor of our student credit union, Boulder Valley Credit Union, has announced that they will offer six scholarships totaling \$7,500 again this year — one award for \$2,500, and five awards for \$1,000 each. Seniors who have joined or who soon join the Student Credit Union (located in our cafeteria) are eligible to apply for this local scholarship. Our graduates have

won in past years and we look forward to having possibly another recipient this year. Encourage your graduating senior to get started today and pick up a brochure with application form at the Post Grad Counseling office, or go online at this website: www.bvku.org/BVCU_scholarship.htm. The deadline to apply is Friday April 13, 2012.

Spring 2012 Make a Difference "Wish List"

Donate by check or credit card

Twice a year — at the start of fall semester and the start of spring semester — we ask all Boulder High School teachers and staff to submit a "Wish List" of materials, supplies and programs that require additional funding beyond what is provided by the school district. This list is then forwarded to all Boulder High families with a request for money donations to fund the requests. Recently you should have received this semester's "Wish List" in the mail. This List represents current needs for items and materials to supplement instructional budgets and to provide additional learning materials and opportunities essential to a higher quality of education for all of our students.

We recognize that these are difficult economic times and that many of the "Wish List" requests are for large dollar amounts. *Please remember: Every donation counts and no donation is too small. Your donation will be combined with others to support our teachers and programs!*

This is your opportunity to make a direct, tax-deductible donation to a specific teacher, department, or program from the "Wish List".

You may donate by check or credit card:

- To donate by check, please complete the donation form below and return it with your check to Boulder High School.
- To donate by credit card using our PayPal link, go to the Boulder High website main page and click on **Make a Difference** (under the BHS Parents heading). You will be taken to the Make A Difference page and our PayPal link.

Thank you very much for supporting Boulder High School!

Donor Name(s) for tax receipt _____

Telephone # _____

Address _____

Student Name(s) _____ Grade(s) _____

Donation Designation _____

Please make checks payable to **Boulder High School — Wish List** .

All donations are tax deductible.

Please return this form and your donation to

Boulder High School — Wish List
1604 Arapahoe Avenue, Boulder, CO 80302

Questions regarding this fundraiser? Call *Dolly Dean* (parent coordinator): 303.473.9600, or email at dohdean@travelandsports.com

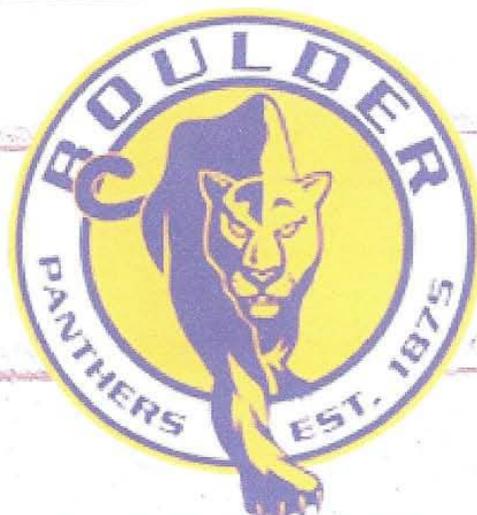
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**Why? Because the path to the new Boulder High School
Gym will be paved with
engraved bricks with the names
of recent graduates, past graduates and families
that have been part of Boulder High's history.**

**Your contribution will go towards Boulder
High sports activities and athletic equipment.**

Get your order in NOW!
(There are only a limited number of bricks available)

• Order deadline: March 9th
Engraved bricks will be installed by graduation day, 2012



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Boulder High School Donor Brick

Please print clearly

Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____
 State _____ Zip _____
 Phone (____) _____
 E-Mail _____

Indicate number of bricks requested:
 (Select size & complete details at right)

_____ 4x8 X \$150 = \$ _____
 # _____ 8x8 X \$225 = \$ _____
 # _____ 12x12 X \$500 = \$ _____
 Check # _____ Total \$ _____

HOW TO ORDER:

1. Send form and check or credit card info:

BHS Panther Club
 Boulder High School
 1604 Arapahoe Ave.
 Boulder, CO 80302

Check payable to: BHS Panther Club

Credit Card: _____ Visa _____ MC _____
 # _____
 Exp. Date _____ 3-digit code _____
 Print name _____
 Signature _____

-OR-

2. Visit our website at:
www.boulderpantherclub.com
 and fill out the forms and pay with PayPal or your credit card.

How did you hear about the brick campaign?
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 ___ News ___ Friend

Info: Diane McCarthy 720-253-8219
momof4mgirls@aol.com

DEADLINE: MARCH 9, 2012

Individual Brick Paver* \$150 each 4"x 8"

Includes: Up to three (3) lines of engraved text, up to 20 characters per line (upper and lower case letters)
 Note: a character = a letter, a number, a punctuation mark, and/or space. Each line is centered.

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Family Brick Paver* \$225 each 8"x 8"

Includes: Up to five (5) lines of engraved text, up to 20 characters per line (upper and lower case letters)
 Note: a character = a letter, a number, a punctuation mark, and/or space. Each line is centered.

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Corporate Brick Paver or Family/Group Paver \$500 each 12"x 12"**

Corporate: Up to two (2) lines of engraved text, up to 30 characters per line (upper and lower case letters) and Company Logo.**

Family/Group: Up to ten (10) lines of engraved text, up to 30 characters per line (upper and lower case letters)
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*Photocopy form as needed for additional brick orders or for additional lines.

**Company Logos: must be submitted in a high quality digital file (ai, cdr, .eps VECTOR FILE) or black & white camera-ready-art for suitability and approval. Price includes 30 minutes of art time for building logo stencil. Additional time will be billed at \$50 per hour for bitmap files (.jpg, .gif, .pdf, or .doc files) or low resolution hard-copy artwork.

All text will be reviewed for acceptable content.

On the Road: Transition to Adulthood Series For Students with Disabilities presented by...



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6:00 - 8:00 p.m. on Thursday Nights

BVSD Education Center, 6500 Arapahoe, Boulder



We're back with more information, more dialogues and more opportunities for youth.

This series is intended for parents of kids with disabilities 13 and older to help you prepare and plan with your child for their transition into adulthood. Every child should expect their adulthood to include real work, authentic relationships and meaningful activities and living. We want families to have the supplies, maps, and goals they need to send their child on the road.

We'd really like to see parents of middle schoolers!

Youth are invited to attend. Our sessions are interactive and engaging so that youth can participate. Sometimes they are with the adults and sometimes they are next door with staff from the Center for People with Disabilities.

◆ **February 2: Employment 2** - Learn about options within BVSD and in our community for job development, training and skills. Speakers include School to Work Alliance/ Department of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR), Project Search (an interagency program) and Eagles Fly (career planning for students with Aspergers and similar challenges)

◆ **February 16: Community Life: Recreation, Health, Volunteering and Citizenship** - Community life is another critical piece of a whole life. Speakers include Colleen Fitzgerald from Boulder Parks and Recreation to discuss recreation and activities, Pam Vagnieres, nutrition and exercise coach on creating a balanced healthy life and folks from ACL and CPWD will talk about citizenship (including the right to vote) and volunteering.

◆ **March 15: College Life** - Resource fair and panel of students, parents and student service specialists from area colleges will share stories and success of post-secondary education. Schools include Front Range, CU, Metro State, CSU, Eastern New Mexico University and more.

◆ **April 19: Adult Services** - Imagine! folks will walk us through the world of waivers, wait lists, social security access, eligibility requirement, timelines and more.

◆ **May 17: Financial Planning** - Join financial planner Mark Woodman to learn about 'special needs' planning which integrates life, resource, financial and legal planning. education.

For more information, contact BVSD Parent Liaison **Anna Stewart** at 720-561-5918 or anna.stewart@bvsd.org or ACL Director of Member Services **Ailsa Wonnacott** at 303-527-0888 or awonnacott@aclboulder.org.

RIDE ON!

MARCH RTD BUS PASSES will be on sale in the Treasurer's Office during both lunch periods on Feb. 29 and Mar. 1 & 2.

Monthly passes are \$39.50. Checks should be made out to BVSD.

APRIL RTD BUS PASSES will be on sale in the Treasurer's Office during both lunch periods on April 4 & 5.



CALENDAR

For a full listing of events, go to the BHS website (<http://schools.bvsd.org/boulderhigh/calendar.aspx>)

MARCH

- 5 Spring Sports Information Night, 6 pm
- 6 Parent-Teacher Conferences, L-Z, 4-7:30 pm
- 6, 7, TCAP (the new CSAP) exams for 9th and 10th grades
- 13, 14 Half days for 11th and 12 grades
- 7 ACT practice test for juniors, 8:30am, auditorium
- 8 Parent-Teacher Conferences, A-K, 4-7:30 pm
- 9 Deadline to order a (Panther Club) engraved brick
- 11 Daylight Savings Time begins
- 15 ACT practice test score review (see Mar. 7), 6-7 pm, auditorium
- 21 PAC Meeting, 6 pm, BHS library
Impact on Education Awards, 7 pm, Boulder Theater, \$44
- 22 Thursday Rally Schedule — Prom Review and Spring Sports
- 26-30 **NO SCHOOL — Spring Break**

APRIL

- 2-3 **NO SCHOOL — Spring Conference Exchange Days**
- 4 Wednesday three-day week schedule (all classes meet)
- 10-11 Conference on World Affairs at Boulder High
- 19 Volunteer Breakfast, 9 am
Student Council Elections
- 19-21 Grand Junction tournament for music students; leave at 4 pm
- 20 **NO SCHOOL — Teacher Work Day**
- 24 ACT test for all juniors
College Planning Night for juniors and parents, 7 pm, auditorium
- 25 PAC meeting with BVSD Superintendent Bruce Messinger, 6 pm, Band Room
- 26 Thursday Rally Schedule — Don't Drink & Drive Assembly
- 27 Sunset Cinema, hosted by Student Council
- 28 Prom

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