

# Boulder HighLights

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FROM KEVIN BRANEY, PRINCIPAL

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

Welcome back from spring break! I trust that students, parents, and staff are refreshed and ready to take on the challenges of ending this second semester of the school year. For senior parents, it means helping your senior stay focused during these last busy and important weeks while planning for your student's first year of college or that first year on the job, or perhaps one of travel. For the rest, it is looking forward to summer vacation while not losing sight of the impact that a strong academic finish can have on your high school record.

I want to thank you for giving me your BVSD /Boulder High budget feedback during my March budget forums. It was great to see so many of you and to hear first-hand your concerns and priorities. I will keep you informed about Boulder High budget considerations and decisions in future issues of Highlights. Rest assured we are committed to offering the very best educational program possible for our students.

Our 9th and 10th graders successfully completed the state-mandated CSAP tests. Test results are one measure of student performance taken into consideration when we evaluate our program offerings, our strengths, and areas in which we need to improve. **Many thanks go to the parents who came to our quick aid with CSAP snacks!** We hope the small snack provided during the break in each 4-hour test window rejuvenated students and helped them to stay focused on doing their best.

May is an important month for our Advanced Placement students – exam time. Over 600 students have already registered, many for multiple exams (late registration ends on April 9). A good score is an opportunity for them to earn possible college credit, quite the achievement for high

school students (and quite a savings). I understand that Boulder High students traditionally do very well on the exams and from what I know so far, I would expect no less this year. I wish them all success.

It was a pleasure to see so many of you at our Volunteer Tea. Your dedication of time and talent to Boulder High lends another dimension to the educational experience of our students, and they (and we) are the richer for it. Thank you for your continued support!

**Look forward to seeing you on campus and hope all is well,**  
Kevin

## Conference of World Affairs Schedule

### Tuesday April 6

8:00 AM

A Discussion of the Film Who Does She think She Is?

10:00 AM

Medical Marijuana: Opening the Door

1:30 PM

Obama and the Politics of Paralysis

### Wednesday April 7

8:00 AM - Education Reform

10:00 AM. - China Owns the US

1:30 PM - Neurobiology: Mars and Venus Revisited

### Year end staff appreciation

PAC is sponsoring a year end party for staff. We need your help to make this an event to remember. We need parent donations for appetizers, drinks, and items for a drawing. The event will be from 4-6 PM. on Wednesday, May 5, at BMOCA downtown. If you are willing to help make food, buy drinks, set up, serve, clean up, or donate something for the drawing (a free latte, \$10 gas card, pedicure, gift card, dinner at a restaurant, etc.)—please email *Lauren Hager* at [charlie\\_hager@hotmail.com](mailto:charlie_hager@hotmail.com) (underscore between the fist and last name) or call her at (303) 444-6961.

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### A Very Important Note from the Treasurer's Office

All fines and obligations must be paid or cleared before Prom. Seniors, especially, need to get all obligations that are listed on their Infinite Campus record taken care of before the Graduation Sign Out sheets are prepared. Seniors will pick up their individual sign out sheets on Monday, May 17, at the Treasurer's office window. **EVERY SENIOR WILL PICK UP A SIGN OUT SHEET.** Seniors are required to get each teacher's signature at the time of the final. Teacher's will only sign the sheet during the designated time of the final and only if all books and class supplies have been returned. All senior students must also go through the library for the Librarian's signature and to the main office to return their lock and get *Ms. Lough's* signature.

The Treasurer's office is the last stop. The Treasurer will stamp the sign out sheet "COMPLETE" only if it has all required signatures, and the student has no outstanding fines. All sign out sheets must be completed by 2:00 PM on Thursday, May 20. **STUDENTS WILL NOT BE ABLE TO PICK UP THEIR CAP AND GOWN WITHOUT THE COMPLETED CHECK OUT FORM.** The completed check out form will also be the ticket to the Senior BBQ after they have picked up their cap and gown. Please contact *Ricki Hetherington* if you have any questions, (720) 561-5302.

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### Optimist Student of the Month

Congrats to *Matt McCurdy* who received \$100 in recognition of his community service and was recognized at the Boulder Optimists' monthly meeting.

### Concurrent Enrollment 2010-2011

Colorado law provides high school juniors and seniors the opportunity to enroll in college classes while still in high school. See your counselor if you have questions about the specific guidelines that must be met. Concurrent enrollment packets will be available in the Counseling Office on April 9.

### 2010-2011 Concurrent Enrollment Informational Meeting

Thursday, April 22, 7 PM

CU Guggenheim Building, Room 205

CU Continuing Education Office (303) 492-5148

College Visits	Date	Time
Montana State University	4/19	9:30 AM
Oregon State University	4/20	8:30 AM.
Redstone College of Aviation Technology	4/20	9:30 AM
University of Arizona	4/21	9:00 AM
University of Montana	4/21	10:15 AM

### AP Tests

Advanced Placement tests will be given May 3 – 14. The test schedule is available on the counseling department web pages under Testing. The regular test registration is now over and late registration began at 7:00 AM on March 17. With the \$50 late fee, each test will cost \$136. Late test registration/payment ENDS at 3:00 PM. on April 9. Register online on the Boulder High website under "Student Programs – Advanced Placement." Submit payment and registration confirmation to *Jonetta Roy* in the Counseling Office.

## 2010 ACT/SAT/PSAT/AP Test Dates & Registration Deadlines

ACT			SAT			AP
Test Date	Regular Reg.	Late Reg.	Test Date	Regular Reg.	Late Reg.	Test Dates
Jun 12	May 7	May 21	May 1	Mar 25	Apr 8	May 3-14, 2010
			Jun 5	Apr 29	May 13	
Register online at <a href="http://www.act.org">www.act.org</a> .			Check <a href="http://www.collegeboard.com">www.collegeboard.com</a> for more information.			Test schedule is available on the Counseling website.

Note: for testing and college applications, the code for Boulder High School is 060-115.

## COUNSELORS' CORNER

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### Heads Up Seniors

#### Awards & Scholarships

Our awards program will be Thursday, May 20, and if you have received an award or scholarship, we'd like you to be recognized! Please provide photocopied verification to *Jonetta Roy*.

#### Advanced Placement Diploma

AP Diploma applications are available in the Counseling Office. Applications are due to *Ms. Sandford* in the Counseling Office by Friday, April 30. See applications for specific qualification requirements.

#### Stay on Track!

Second semester is not a time for kicking back. Graduation and college acceptance may be at risk if you stop working or are ditching classes. Attendance violations can result in loss of credit.

### Heads Up Juniors

#### Early Action/Decision & Military Academies

Now is the time to check for deadlines. Entrance tests (SAT/SATII/ACT) should be taken in the spring of your junior year. Check with your counselor about plans for early action/decision and military academies.

#### ACT @ BHS on April 28

All juniors will take the ACT (no writing section) at Boulder High on Wednesday, April 28, from 8:00 AM– 12:15 p.m. Students should arrive by 7:50 AM. with pencil, appropriate calculator (specific information to follow), and ID. The test is mandated by the state of Colorado and there is no cost to the student and no pre-registration is necessary.



#### Senior BBQ—

We need volunteers for food donations, serving, decorations, set-up, and clean-up. Please help us provide a fun afternoon for our graduating seniors and BHS staff. Email *Rita Mahoney* [rita-mahoney@qwestoffice.net](mailto:rita-mahoney@qwestoffice.net)

Donations of \$30 are requested to help cover the cost of this event. Please make your checks payable to BHS with a notation of "Senior BBQ" and drop off or mail to the treasurer's office at Boulder High School, 1604 Arapahoe Ave., Boulder, CO, 80302.

**Thank You**

## Tripped Up: Dependence on Parents Leaves College Students Unprepared

By Thomas V. Chema, President of Hiram College

The overloaded SUVs, pickup trucks, and minivans are pulling up in front of our dorms at Hiram College. In my four years as president, I've seen more than a few U-Hauls filled to the brim with big-screen TVs, rolled-up rugs, and giant futons. One survey estimates the average freshman spends \$1,200 on necessities for his or her dorm room. All that new "stuff" our students bring to college doesn't bother me. It's the fact that so many of our academically well-prepared students aren't ready to cut the cord to mom and dad. And really, why should they?

Having their parents run interference has worked well for this generation. Many of today's kids are very comfortable with having dad call the coach to complain about playing time. Mom chats online with teachers and uses web-based grade books to keep daily tabs on academics. Because they are continually tracking and monitoring their children's whereabouts via cell phones, parents quickly solve any problems or scheduling glitches. Coming to the rescue is part of their job.

But what happens once the college search is over and the new extra-long sheets are on the dorm bed? As part of our three-day New Student Institute at Hiram, we intentionally scheduled family farewells for 3:00 p.m., Day One. In other words – Time for the folks to say goodbye and go home. Unfortunately, that's when our student life staff starts fielding calls. Even before the New Student Institute is over, parents are on the line asking what the college is going to do about their 18-year-old's roommate problems. Statistics show that 90 percent of first-year students arrive on campus having never shared a bedroom. These kids don't know how to live in close quarters with someone else, let alone deal with conflicts over TV channels, music choices, or when to shut off the lights.

But they do know that a cell phone call to mom will take care of it. And – even more alarming to me – when these students get their first critical comment from a professor or a grade lower than a B, their solution is to call home and have dad fix it. I feel sorry for the students and sorrier for their parents. Families are making a huge investment in a college education for their offspring, but not using that experience to prepare their children for the real world.

So what should our first-year students bring with them to college? Here's my wish list: A commitment to confront their own problems. Responsibility for the choices or decisions they make. An open mind and willingness to negotiate with others.

The stuff these young adults really need – responsibility and resiliency – is not for sale at Target or Bed, Bath, & Beyond. For 18- to 22-year olds, college is a time to begin to grow up. For parents, it's time to let them have that chance.

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# AFTER PROM INVITATION

Juniors & Seniors and dates -- MAY 2 midnight - 4:30 a.m.

**BRITISH INVASION  
LONDON CALLING . . .**

## **Sneak Preview Open House**

Parents - experience the makeover of the rec center 8:00-10:00 p.m, before the kids arrive!

- Students - you don't need to go to prom to go to AFTER PROM
- East Boulder Rec Center, \$5 admission, bring your ID
- FREE food, carnival & casino games, caricatures, tattoos, Velcro wall
- 100's of prizes - lucky Senior takes home a FREE CAR!

A drug and alcohol -free alternative to unsupervised home and hotel parties.  
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## **Many Parent volunteers are needed!**

**Before and during the event (with 1200 kids attending, your student won't even know you're there!)**

**Please contact Burke Fishburne,**

**[burkefishburn@gmail.com](mailto:burkefishburn@gmail.com)**

## Spring 2010 Make a Difference "Wish List"

Now you can donate by check or by credit card

A BIG THANK YOU to the many families and friends who have already donated to the Spring Make A Difference "Wish List" fund raiser. Check our weekly postings in ENews for the current donation totals.

Misplaced your "Wish List?" Go to our page on the Boulder High website to see a copy of the Spring Wish List.

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 enclosed "Wish List."

### YOU MAY DONATE BY CHECK OR BY 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 PAY PAL LINK, GO TO THE BOULDER HIGH WEBSITE MAIN PAGE AND CLICK ON MAKE A DIFFERENCE (UNDER THE PARENT COMMUNITY HEADING).YOU WILL BE TAKEN TO THE MAKE A DIFFERENCE PAGE AND OUR PAY PAL LINK.

Thank you very much for supporting Boulder High School!

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Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Student's Grade \_\_\_\_\_

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Please make your tax-deductible gift payable to **Boulder High School - Wish List**

Mail this form and your donation to:

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Boulder, CO 80302

### Questions?

Contact *Dolly Dean* (parent coordinator): (303) 473-9600, [dohdean@travelandsports.com](mailto:dohdean@travelandsports.com)

## IMPA NEWS

April 8-10  
All State Band

April 10-26  
Norwegian Jazz Students  
here

April 13  
IMPA Meeting,  
BHS Band Room

April 25  
5:00 P.M.  
Jazz concert with  
Norwegian exchange  
students  
Boulder High

May 4, 2010  
7:00 P.M. Bands Concert  
(auditorium) (CB, WE)

May 6, 2010  
7:00 P.M. Orchestra  
Concert (auditorium)  
(CO, SO)

May 11, 2010  
7:00 P.M. Choirs Concert  
(courtyard)

May 13, 2010  
6:30 P.M.  
Jazz Bands Concert  
(courtyard) (BJ, LJ, JU, PJ)

May 18, 2010  
5:30 P.M.  
Music Awards Banquet  
(courtyard and cafeteria)  
(All)

May 20, 2010  
7:00 P.M. Awards  
Ceremony (Orchestra  
performs)

May 22, 2010  
8:00 A.M. Graduation.  
Required for Concert  
Band & Wind Ensemble

### All-State Band

Big congratulations go out to *Jordan Miller* and *Stephanie Davis* for being selected for the Colorado All-State Band. Jordan plays the French horn and Stephanie plays the clarinet. All State Band will be held April 8-10.

Congratulations Jordan and Stephanie!!

### Concession Coordinators Needed for 2010-2011

IMPA needs 3 – 4 parents to help coordinate concessions for next year. It is very easy to divide the responsibilities between volunteers. Even if you can't attend games, some of the activities such as scheduling volunteers and purchasing can be done at any time. This is IMPA's second largest fundraiser, and it is extremely important to have new coordinators trained this next year to provide continuity. Please contact *Lisa Dings* ([dings@comcast.net](mailto:dings@comcast.net)) for more information.

### 5th Annual Boulder Jazz & Trondertun Folkehogskule Jazz Exchange

Boulder Jazz and the Instrumental Music Program will be hosting from April 10 to April 26, 16 jazz students from Trondertun Folkehogskule in Norway. The Norwegian jazzers will work with our students under the able direction of *Mr. Greg Laliberte* and *Dr. Tom Horst*. The Norwegians will house with our local jazz families and both groups will present a wonderful joint concert at Boulder High on Sunday, April 25, commencing at 5 PM. Please plan to attend and help spread the word! *Terry Holum* is the parent coordinator of the exchange, and she welcomes any questions you may have to [tmholum@gmail.com](mailto:tmholum@gmail.com) or to (303) 938-8101.

**May is a busy time for everyone**, especially Music parents and students. We will be looking for volunteers to help at each of the following concerts and events. If you are able to help with set up, donations, programs, etc, please contact *Cathy Faughnan* at [faughnan4@yahoo.com](mailto:faughnan4@yahoo.com)

May 4 – Band Concert

May 6 - Orchestra Concert

May 13 – Jazz Band Concert

May 18 – Music Awards Banquet



“The artist is a receptacle for emotions that come from all over the place;  
from the sky, from the earth, from a scrap of paper, from a passing shape,  
from a spider’s web.” –Pablo Picasso

**This month the Art Department at Boulder High’s web reaches far and wide—**

We are excited about our current show up at The Boulder Public Library’s teen art space. Hope you can go and check it out! We have been fortunate to host three visiting artists: *Paul Barchilon* gave our Pottery students a one day workshop. Parent and writer *Marc Sotkin* came to talk to our Drawing and Painting students about incorporating writing with their painted imagery. *Sally Ekert-Tone* will be showing her works in egg tempera, oil, and acrylic paint to the Portfolio Arts class and engaging in one-on-one critiques during a portrait painting project.

The Boulder Museum of Contemporary Art has once again graciously hosted the entire art department (450 students!) for a tour of their current three person show. *Beverly Mclver*, one of the featured artists, will be giving an “artist talk” and workshop for interested students on March 11.

During the Conference of World Affairs, Boulder High Art Department will be hosting a panel discussion and film: “Who Does She Think She Is?” We hope to offer BHS students and the Boulder community an opportunity to think about the issue of female artists successfully balancing career, family, and relationships in our community, country, and world while taking into account the past and the present in order to pursue a successful future for all.

Look for BHS students represented in the Boulder Valley School Show opening at The Dairy Center for the Arts at 2590 Walnut St. on April 23, 5-7 PM. Boulder High Art teachers will also be showing their art work in an accompanying gallery.

Students also participated in After Prom Art and The Vans Custom Culture shoe customization contest. Wish us luck.

## STUDENT COUNCIL

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We hope you all are having a good spring, and Student Council is lining up some pretty exciting events for the students. On Thursday, April 15, Student Council will be hosting the Student Elections for next year. All students interested in seeking a Student Council position must turn in a packet and give a live speech on Panther TV. On Thursday, April 22, Student Council will be having a mandatory Don't Drink and Drive assembly. And finally on Saturday, May 1, Student Council will be hosting the 2010 Prom at the Boulder Theater from 9 to 12 p.m. This year's theme is Masquerade and Boulder's own The Motet will be playing. **Tickets are \$50.**

## AFTER PROM

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Parents of juniors and seniors! Start watching your mail for a letter regarding donations for After Prom. As in past years, we are asking for a \$30 donation to fund After Prom. After Prom is a wonderful event intended to be fun for the kids and to keep them safe after a night of dancing and eating. Please check your mail and make a donation!

Thanks so much!

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### April

1-2	Bus Pass Sale, Treasurer's Off., A & B lunch
6	<b>CWA Day 1 Schedule</b>
7	<b>TAP</b> Meet the Coaches Night—Incoming Freshmen
8	<b>CWA Day 2 Schedule</b>
8-10	All State Band
12	Panther Club meeting, Library, 6 pm
14	<b>TAP</b> PAC meeting, Library, 7-9 pm
15	Rally Schedule—Student Council Elections
15-17	Bye Bye Birdie, Theatre, 7 pm
20	LPAC meeting, 5:30 pm
21	<b>TAP</b>
22	Rally Schedule—Drinking & Driving Assembly
22-24	Bye Bye Birdie, Theatre, 7 pm
24	Model UN Conference, Fort Collins, 6:30 am—4:30 pm
25	BHS Jazz Concert with Norwegian Exchange students, 5 pm
28	<b>ACT</b>
29	National Honor Society Induction
30	<b>NO SCHOOL—PD/Work Day</b>

### May

1	Prom, Boulder Theater, 9 PM-12 AM
3-14	AP Testing
4	North Boulder Elementary Music Festival, 5-6:30 pm Band Concert, Auditorium, 7 pm
5	<b>TAP</b>
6	Late Start Schedule Staff Breakfast North Boulder Elementary Music Festival, 5-6:30 pm Orchestra Concert, Auditorium, 7pm
10	Panther Club meeting, Library, 6 pm
11	LPAC meeting, 5:30 pm Choir Concert, Auditorium, 7 pm
12	<b>TAP</b> ACT Make-up Test PAC meeting, Library, 7-9 pm
13	Early Release Schedule Jazz Concert, Auditorium, 6:30 pm
18-20	Senior Finals
18	Senior Panoramic Picture Music Department Banquet
19	<b>TAP</b> Thespian Banquet
20	Rally Schedule Torch Assembly Awards Assembly, 7 pm
21	Cap and Gown Distribution Senior BBQ
22	<b>Graduation</b>
24-27	Final Exams
27	<b>Last Day of School for Students</b>

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