

# 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! I hope you all had a wonderfully relaxing and enjoyable spring break. I expect we are now re-energized to face the challenge of closing second semester.

For seniors, stay focused with your eye on the prize. I recognize that staying on track is a challenge when at the same time post-graduate planning is underway, whether it is for college, for that first year on the job, or for travel. For the rest of our students, it is not losing sight of the value of a strong academic finish. It is important to remember to make the most of this time, even as the weather gets warmer, as there is nothing more important than your education.

The annual budget planning process will begin mid-April. As many of you are aware, severe cuts in state funding to public education are expected and will impact every school in the district. We will work diligently to minimize the impact at the classroom level. After we develop a preliminary budget, I will host a community meeting and a principal's coffee to discuss the budget and the expected impact on programs/courses at Boulder High. Be assured we are committed to providing the very best educational program possible for our students.

I want to thank you for your support of the CSAP testing we completed in March. Our 9th and 10th graders applied themselves and I am proud to say, that with the support of PAC and our staff we were able to realize our goal of 95% participation rate. CSAP test results are one measure of student performance taken into consideration when we evaluate our program offerings, our strengths, and the areas in which we need to improve. **I especially want to thank those parents who so generously donated snacks and drinks to our students.** We hope that the nourishment during the breaks helped our students to stay focused and do their best.

March, April, and May bring AP exam registration and testing. Over 600 students have already registered (many for multiple exams), and late registration continues through April 8 in the counseling office. In the 2009–2010 school year over 1,200 AP exams were taken by our students. Incredible! Boulder High students traditionally score very well on the exams, and I wish the best for all of our exam-takers this year. Good scores are opportunities to earn college credits—quite the achievement for high school students (and quite the college tuition savings for parents!).

I enjoyed seeing so many of you at our Volunteer Breakfast. Volunteering your time and talents to Boulder High adds another dimension to the educational experience of our students, and they—and we—are certainly the richer for it. We all thank you most sincerely.

Finally, this past spring has been an exciting time for our school as we have competed for state athletic titles, won honors with a number of extracurricular or academic programs, experienced the successful run of our spring musical, and had our first, and tremendously successful, Unity Week. I am so proud of our competitors who represented our school with such determination and class and amazed by the talents in our student body and our ability to come together as a school. The level of support from our community, student body, and staff has been extraordinary. I look forward to continuing these traditions and energy long into the future and congratulate everyone for a job well-done. It is great to be a Panther!

I look forward to seeing you on campus and hope all is well.

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

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All fines and obligations are past due. All students must clear class fees, fines, and obligations immediately. Sign-out at the end of the year will be a struggle for students with outstanding obligations.

### Special Information for Seniors

The absolute deadline for clearing or paying fines is before the sale of Prom tickets. Seniors need to take care of all obligations listed in Infinite Campus before the Graduation Sign-Out sheets are prepared. Seniors will pick up individual sign-out sheet on Monday, May 16 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. Teachers will only sign the sheet during the designated time of the Final, and only if all books and class supplies have been returned. Seniors are required to get the librarian's signature and Ms. Lough's in the main office. The Treasurer's office is the last stop. The sheet will be stamped complete, provided all required signatures are on the sheet and there are no outstanding fines on the student's record.

Sign-out sheets must be completed by 2:00 pm on Thursday, May 19. **Students will not be able to pick up caps and gowns without the completed sign-out sheet.** The completed sign-out sheet is also the ticket to the Senior BBQ after you have picked up your cap and gown. If you have any questions, please contact *Ricki Hetherington* at 720.561.5302.

## Conference on World Affairs

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The Conference on World Affairs returns to Boulder High this spring. The conference will be held on Tuesday, April 5 and Thursday, April 7. We will switch to a block schedule for those two days. The class schedule is as follows:

- Tuesday: Periods 1, 3, 5, and 7
- Thursday: Periods 2, 4, 5, and 6

A schedule of panels for each day is listed below. The panels begin 30 minutes after the beginning of the period and end five minutes before the end of the period.

Tuesday, April 5		
Period 1	7:30 – 9:25	Issues in Education and Educational Reforms
Period 3	9:30–11:25	Nuclear Family Meltdown
Period 7	1:30–3:00	WikiLeaks: Transparency or Treason
Thursday, April 7		
Period 2	7:30–9:25	Invisible Children—Child soldiers in Uganda
Period 4	9:30–11:25	1001 Arabian Rights: New Liberal Revolutions
Period 6	1:05–3:00	Climate Strange

# All Student Registration Dates

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Please pencil the dates in your calendars... we will be looking for volunteers soon!

## Monday, August 8

Seniors: 8:00 am–11:00 am

Juniors: 12:00 pm–3:00 pm

## Tuesday, August 9

Sophomores: 8:00 am–11:00 am

Freshmen: 12:00 pm–3:00 pm

## Late Registration Date

First day of school for all students, Tuesday, August 16, starting at 7:00 am.

## What happens at registration?

Turn in required forms, pay fees and fines, get pictures and IDs processed, sign up for fall athletic programs, freshmen locker assignments, pick up planners!

# BOULDER HIGH VINTAGE PANTHERS

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## To BHS Graduating Seniors of 2011,

Soon you will have completed the first step towards becoming a Vintage Panther. Boulder High Vintage Panthers was started by 1941 graduates *Max and Shirley Brown*, as an opportunity for former classmates and friends to stay in touch after their 50th reunion. Boulder Prep Alumnae are also included, and there are still 99 members of the classes of 1922–1936 on our mailing list, some of whom still attend our annual brunch, which is held on the third Sunday of August. The members of the club provide the money for the scholarships we award. This summer will be our 18th consecutive get-together. We also have an informal breakfast on the third Thursday of every month. Our mailing list comprises over 2,500 graduates.

We established a Scholarship Fund in 1990 and have accumulated enough funds to award \$3,500 One-Year Scholarships. Here are past recipients:

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2006	<i>Mat Zoinic</i>	University of Colorado
2007	<i>Julia Ratcliff</i>	University of Colorado
2008	<i>Effie Pagratis</i>	University of Colorado
	<i>Rishi Rawat</i>	University of California, Berkeley
2009	<i>Natalie Litke</i>	University of Northern Colorado
	<i>Dylan Klein</i>	University of Colorado
2010	<i>Bill Baumgartner</i>	Duke University
	<i>Nora Leccese</i>	University of Colorado

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This year we will again offer two scholarships of \$3,500. Applications are available in Naviance. The criteria are for a graduate who has made a difference at Boulder High School and/or in the community, through demonstrated citizenship. Financial need is also considered but is not decisive.

Present officers are *Phyllis Wahlfeldt* (1948), President; *Max Mailey* (1944), Vice President; and *Ray C. Imel, Jr.*, Secretary-Treasurer at the following address.

Vintage Panthers, Inc.  
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# COUNSELORS' CORNER

## Optimist Student of the Month

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

## Concurrent Enrollment 2011–2012

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 11.

## Advanced Placement Tests

AP tests will be given May 2–13. 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 16. With the \$50 late fee, each test will cost \$137. Late test registration/payment ENDS at 3:00 pm on April 8. Register online on the Boulder High website under "**Programs > Advanced Placement.**" Submit payment and registration confirmation to *Jonetta Roy* in the Counseling Office.

## College Visits

	Date	Time
University of Northern Colorado	4/12/11	1:00 pm
Oregon State University	4/13/11	8:15 am
University of Colorado, Denver	4/26/11	9:00 am

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## 2011 ACT / SAT / PSAT / AP Test Dates & Registration Deadlines

ACT			SAT			AP
Test Date	Regular Registration	Late Registration	Test Dates	Regular Registration	Late Registration	Test Dates
Jun. 11	May 6	May 20	May 7 Jun. 4	Apr. 8 May 6	April 22 May 20	May 2–13, 2011
Register online at <a href="http://www.act.org">www.act.org</a>			Check <a href="http://www.collegeboard.com/mysat">www.collegeboard.com/mysat</a> for more information			Testing schedule is available on the Counseling website
<b>Note: For testing and college applications, the code for Boulder High School is 060–115.</b>						

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### Heads Up, Seniors

#### Awards & Scholarships

Our awards program will be Thursday, May 19, and if you have received an award or scholarship, we'd like you to be recognized! Please provide photocopied verification to *Laurie Goodman* in the Principal's Office.

#### 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 29. 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.

#### Attention: Seniors Planning to Attend In-State Colleges!

It is time to register with the College Opportunity Fund to be sure you receive your tuition stipend in the fall!

Registering is easy and it assures that you will get everything to which you are entitled as an in-state student. Please go to this website (or search Colorado College Opportunity Fund) and take a few minutes to submit your information. Don't miss out!

[www.collegeincolorado.org/Home/COF/CollegeOpportunityFund.aspx](http://www.collegeincolorado.org/Home/COF/CollegeOpportunityFund.aspx)

Students also planning on taking CU classes while still in high school must apply for their stipend. See your counselor for more details on this process.

### 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 27

All juniors will take the ACT (no writing section) at Boulder High on Wednesday, April 27, from 8:00 am–12:15 pm. 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.

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### 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 pm, 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.

## STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

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### Attention All Parents!

Student Council is looking for parent volunteers to chaperone this year's Prom, which will be held on April 30, 2011, at the Millenium Harvest House. Prom runs from 9:00 pm to 12:00 am, and chaperones are needed beginning at 8:00 pm through 12:30 am.

If you can commit to a portion or the whole night, please contact *Jake Lowell* at [jakus19msn.com](mailto:jakus19msn.com). The following information is appreciated: times able to work and contact information. You must fill out a parent volunteer form if you have not done so previously. This form can be found at <http://bvsd.org/volunteer/pages/default.aspx>. Please fill out the form at your earliest convenience and deliver it to the school office.

We appreciate your willingness to help us make this event a great success!

## VISUAL ART NEWS

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### Recent Events

BHS students displayed work in the Student Art Show at the Boulder Library teen art space for the month of March. BHS artists also collaborated with our visiting artists, *Todd Redmond* from the Boulder Potters Guild, and *Kristin Fitzgerald*, who directed assemblage and collage with Portfolio Arts. Additionally, visiting artist *Seth Wulkin* from BMOCA spoke to our art students and students from New Vista, September School, and Arapahoe Tech. Look for Seth's work—with the theme of Diversity—this summer at BMOCA.

### Works in Progress

Guided by *George Peters*, another visiting artist, BHS fine arts students from all areas and classes continue to work hard and creatively on their collaborative mobile project—a large installation sculpture. Photo students are working on alternative processes in the darkroom. Students are also participating at the Open Wall at BMOCA (with a *Bob Ross* theme!).

### Don't Miss

Don't forget to get your student-designed Boulder High T-shirt or sweatshirt. BHS artists worked with the *Clayton Brothers* on the highly original design. Check out their work at: [www.claytonbrothers.com](http://www.claytonbrothers.com)

## MARY TAYLOR AWARD

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In 1987, Boulder High School created the Mary Taylor Award to recognize excellence in classroom teaching at BHS. Anyone can nominate a BHS teacher. Your nomination should be in the form of a short and thoughtful supporting letter that must be signed. Some factors to consider in making the evaluation include the following:

- Knowledge and enthusiasm in subject area
- Creativity
- Concern for students and colleagues
- Sense of commitment
- Integrity
- Keeping up-to-date with new methodologies and techniques
- Length of service (eight-year minimum)
- Ability to inspire students

Persons who have received a Mary Taylor Award are ineligible for nomination, but all other BHS faculty may be nominated, including teachers previ-

ously nominated who did not receive the award. Past recipients still at BHS include *Tom Horst* (2006), *Ben Boyer* (2008), and *David Ramsey* (2009).

Your nomination letters should:

- Give some background about how well you know the teacher (courses taken with him/her, length of acquaintance, etc.).
- Cite specific examples of this teacher's excellence in classroom teaching, particularly examples that demonstrate the criteria mentioned above.
- Indicate if you are a student, parent, staff member, or community member.

We thank you for your comments and ask that you send a formal letter (typed and signed) to *Helen Vickery* at Boulder High School by Wednesday, April 27, 2011.

Copies of this document have also been placed in the main office.

## MUSIC NEWS

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### Volunteers Needed!

**Please, consider helping on April 8. It takes a village to make our music program a success!**

On April 8, the BHS Orchestras will be attending a workshop at CU from 7:30 am to 3:00 pm. We are looking for six to eight volunteers to take a chaperone shift from 7:30–11:00 and 11:00–3:00.



We also need a volunteer to drive the instrument truck with basses and cellos. This would mean possibly delivering the instruments the night before the event (April 7), or early the morning of the event, and driving everything back to BHS between 2:00 and 3:00 on the day of the event.

If you are interested and willing, please email *Cathy Faughnan* at [cathyfaughnan@gmail.com](mailto:cathyfaughnan@gmail.com). This event will be a great way to see some amazing music performed by our students and CU music students.

### Thank You!

Thanks to *Teri Wolpowitz* and all our student and parent volunteers who made our Middle Level Orchestra Festival, which took place on February 24, such an amazing success!

### BHS Wind Ensemble and Concert Band in California

By *Rhiannon ArneySchultz*

In February, 30 members of the BHS Wind Ensemble and Concert Band went to Disneyland for five days. The trip started off with the bus ride to the airport at 3:00 in the morning. We arrived in Anaheim at around 8:00 and immediately started seeing the sights. First we went to the Farmers' Market where we ate and could do a little shopping if we wanted. We then drove down the famous boulevards of LA.

The next two days were spent at Disneyland and California Adventure Park. On Friday we had a recording session in a

recording studio at Disneyland. We were able to experience what recording is really like with the headphones and all! On Saturday morning we had a performance in California Adventure Park.

On Sunday we had a clinic at California State University, Long Beach, with *John Carnahan*. He helped many players individually, and greatly improved the overall sound of the group. After that we went to the beach at Santa Monica Pier and ate dinner at Bubba Gump's. For some members this was the first time they had ever been to the ocean. Our last morning was spent at Universal Studios before we boarded the bus, headed to Anaheim airport, and flew home.

This was a once-in-a-lifetime experience that wouldn't have been possible for many of us without the fund raising opportunities and scholarships provided by IMPA.

### Music Summer Camps

Colorado is rich with music camp opportunities in the summertime. Here are a few that are available:

- Rocky Ridge Music Center, Allenspark, two- or five-week sessions. [www.rockyridge.org](http://www.rockyridge.org)
- Conservatory Music in the Mountains, Durango. Two- or three-week sessions. [www.newconservatory.org](http://www.newconservatory.org)
- Rocky Mountain Summer, CSU, Fort Collins, one-week, plus optional advanced session. [www.bands.colostate.edu/camp](http://www.bands.colostate.edu/camp)
- University of Denver Music Camp. [www.du.edu/ahss/schools/lamont/events/summer/precollege-academy.html](http://www.du.edu/ahss/schools/lamont/events/summer/precollege-academy.html)

### IMPA Meeting

The next IMPA Meeting is Tuesday, April 19, at 7:00 pm in the Band Room.

Please join us. We are well on our way to filling positions for next year, but need everyone's help to create a strong team. We are searching for a volunteer coordinator for next year. This could be a great job for an organized and enthusiastic parent.

# RIDE ON!

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RTD has raised the rates for the monthly teen pass to \$39.50 effective January 1, 2011. 10-ticket ride booklets are now \$10.00. We sell passes and 10-ticket ride booklets in the Treasurer's Office during both lunch periods on the last day of each month and the first two days of each month. If you have questions, please contact [cindylouwho3333@yahoo.com](mailto:cindylouwho3333@yahoo.com).

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## APRIL

1	Bus Pass Sale, Treasurer's Office, Lunch A & B Volunteer Breakfast, 7:30–8:30 am	20	<b>SCHEDULE 3</b>
5	<b>Conference on World Affairs DAY 1 SCHEDULE</b>	27	<b>ACT SCHEDULE</b> PAC Meeting, Library, 7 pm
6	<b>SCHEDULE 3</b> Meet the Coaches Night, 7 pm	28	<b>SCHEDULE 4—Don't Drive &amp; Drive Assembly</b> Bus Pass Sale, Treasurer's Office, Lunch A & B National Honor Society Induction, 7 pm
7	<b>Conference on World Affairs DAY 2 SCHEDULE</b>	29	<b>NO SCHOOL—Professional Development Day</b> Pride Leader Training, 8–10 am
11	Panther Club Meeting, Library, 6 pm	30	Prom, Millenium Harvest House, 8 pm–12 am
13	<b>SCHEDULE 4—Student Council Elections</b>		

## MAY

2	Bus Pass Sale, Treasurer's Office, Lunch A & B AP Testing	13	AP Testing Freshman Ice Cream social, Lunch A & B
3	Bus Pass Sale, Treasurer's Office, Lunch A & B North Boulder Orchestra Festival, Auditorium AP Testing Orchestra Concert, Auditorium, 7 pm	15	Spring Sports Recognition, 4 pm
4	<b>SCHEDULE 3</b>	17	Senior Panoramic Picture Senior Finals (2, 5, 7)
5	North Boulder Elementary Band Festival, Auditorium AP Testing Band Concert, Auditorium, 7 pm	18	<b>SCHEDULE 4—Torch Assembly</b> Senior Finals (3, 6) Thespian Banquet
6	AP Testing	19	Senior Finals (1, 4) Awards Ceremony, 7 pm
9	AP Testing Panther Club Meeting, Library, 6 pm	20	Senior Graduation Practice Senior BBQ
10	AP Testing Courtyard Jazz Concert, 7 pm	21	Graduation
11	<b>EARLY DISMISS SCHEDULE</b> AP Testing ACT Make-up Spring Fling	23	<b>FINALS SCHEDULE (1, 5)</b>
12	<b>SCHEDULE 3</b> AP Testing Courtyard Choir Festival, 7 pm	24	<b>FINALS SCHEDULE (2, 6)</b>
		25	<b>FINALS SCHEDULE (3, 7)</b> PAC Meeting, Library, 7 pm
		26	<b>FINALS SCHEDULE (4, Make-up)</b> Last Day for Students

# CALENDAR

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