

Boulder HighLights



Boulder High Parents' Newsletter

April 2012 • No. 7

FROM KEVIN BRANEY, PRINCIPAL

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

I want to thank you for your support of the TCAP testing we completed in March. Our 9th and 10th graders applied themselves well, and I am proud to say that, with the support of PAC, our students and staff, we were able to realize our goal of a 95 percent participation rate. TCAP 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. I know the nourishment during the breaks helped our students stay focused and make their way through the morning test sessions with a little more energy.

March, April and May bring AP exam registration and testing. Over 600 students have registered (many for multiple exams). In the 2010–2011 school year over 1,300 AP exams were taken by our students. Incredible! Boulder High students traditionally score extremely 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 want to thank our PAC members and volunteers who so generously gave their time and talents to Boulder High. The students and staff are certainly the fortunate beneficiaries of this remarkable support. I am pleased to invite you to our Volunteer Breakfast on

April 19 at 8:00 am in the library reference room. I hope you can join us so I can take the time to personally thank you for all you do for our students and staff.

The annual budget planning process will begin towards the end of April. As many of you are aware there is the potential that BVSD will have further educational funding cuts for 2012–2013 which will impact every school in the district. As always, our first priority at Boulder High is to minimize the impact at the classroom level and maximize the effectiveness of our educational resources and support programs. I will keep you posted on the budget process and expectations through updates on our website and in future *HighLights* as appropriate.

Senior students and parents will soon be receiving a letter with graduation information. Please monitor our website for updated information regarding activities during the week leading up to graduation. Jostens orders will be available for pick up in the main lobby during both lunches on April 13.

I hope you all have a wonderfully relaxing and enjoyable spring break. I look forward to an academically rewarding and fun conclusion to this school year. I look forward to seeing you on campus. All the best,

GO, PANTHERS!

Kevin Braney, Principal
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From the Treasurer

To all parents and students, especially seniors!

The end of the school year is a very busy time with warmer weather, AP tests, prom, yearbook distribution, finals and graduation. Don't let fines, class fees and obligations interfere with any activities. Check the fees tab on Infinite Campus to see if you have any outstanding obligations. All fees must be cleared by April 30 to avoid any inconvenience during the very hectic month of May.

Ricki Hetherington, Treasurer, 720.561.5302

Save the Dates! Registration and Start of School for BHS 2012–13

Registration – Attend by the first letter of your last name

Monday, August 6	Tuesday, August 7
Seniors: A–L, 8:00–9:30 am M–Z, 9:30–11:00 am	Sophomores: A–L, 8:00–9:30 am M–Z, 9:30–11:00 am
Juniors: A–L, 12:00–1:30 pm M–Z, 1:30–3:00 pm	Freshmen: A–L, 12:00–1:30 pm M–Z, 1:30–3:00 pm

Wednesday, August 15	Thursday, August 16
Freshmen Transition Day – first day of school for Freshmen Late Registration Freshmen only: 8:00–9:00 am All other students: 9:00–10:30 am	First day of school for Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors

Host Families Needed

French and Spanish students, ages 15–21, will be arriving in the Denver/Boulder area for short stays with families beginning in June. Would you like to host a student this summer? We are looking for families who are available to provide home-stays for three to five weeks.

Because the students arrive at different times throughout the summer, we can look for a student who will match the interests and schedule of your family. Most students will have a class, internship, or volunteer opportunities to keep them busy for part of their day.

NEW...all families will receive a weekly stipend for hosting a student. For more info, e-mail joyweinstein@gmail.com or call 303.442.3112.

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Concurrent Enrollment 2012–2013

Colorado law provides high school juniors and seniors the opportunity to enroll in college courses 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 6.

Students planning on taking college courses while still in high school must register with the College Opportunity Fund to receive their tuition stipend.
[http://www.collegeincolorado.org/Home/COF/College Opportunity Fund.aspx](http://www.collegeincolorado.org/Home/COF/College_Opportunity_Fund.aspx)

Advanced Placement Tests

AP tests will be given May 7–18. The test schedule is available on the Counseling Department web pages under **Testing**.

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

ACT		SAT		AP
Test Date	Regular Registration	Test Dates	Regular Registration	Test Dates
June 9	May 4	May 5 June 2	Apr. 6 May 8	May 7–18, 2012
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.

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.

Exam Week Schedule			
Monday, May 21	Tuesday, May 22	Wednesday, May 23	Thursday, May 24
8:30–10:30 – Period 1	8:30–10:30 – Period 2	8:30–10:30 – Period 3	8:30–10:30 – Period 4
10:30–12:00 – Lunch	10:30–12:00 – Lunch	10:30–12:00 – Lunch	CAFETERIA CLOSED
12:00–2:00 – Period 5	12:00–2:00 – Period 6	12:00–2:00 – Period 7	12:00–2:00 — Make-up Exams (must be arranged ahead of time)

COUNSELORS' CORNER

Heads Up, Seniors

Awards & Scholarships

Our awards program will be Thursday, May 17, and if you have received an award or scholarship, we'd like you to be recognized! Please provide photocopied verification to *Jonetta Roy* in the Counseling 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 27. 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!

Planning to Attend an In-State College?

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!

[http://www.collegeincolorado.org/Home/COF/College Opportunity Fund.aspx](http://www.collegeincolorado.org/Home/COF/College%20Opportunity%20Fund.aspx)

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 24

All juniors will take the ACT (no writing section) at Boulder High on Tuesday, April 24, 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.

College Night for Juniors & Their Parents April 24, 7:00 pm, BHS Auditorium

Join the Counseling staff for important information on the college search and application process.

THEATRE

Boulder Bijou

The Boulder High Theatre Department will be highlighting an experimental, student work-shopped production on April 12, 13, and 14 at 7:00 pm. Please join us in the auditorium for the first "Boulder Bijou", a collection of creative pieces. Tickets are \$5 at the door. E-mail chris.sweeney@bvsd.org with questions.

DVDs of the
2012 Talent Show
for sale!
\$5

See Mr. Sweeney
in room 3335

PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

Meet the Superintendent at the April 25 PAC Meeting

Please attend the April 25 PAC meeting at 6:00 pm. *Bruce Messinger*, the Superintendent of the Boulder Valley School District, will be here to talk about what's going on at the district level and to gather our thoughts. The meeting officially begins at 6:00 pm in the BHS library. Come a little early (5:45) to enjoy a light supper and refreshments while sharing ideas/com-miserating about parenting teenagers.



BHS Parent Communications Survey coming

Help Boulder High and PAC know where to allocate resources for effective communications between the school and parents. This is a survey put together by parents for parents' benefit. We will have the survey available in print and online in English and Spanish. Please complete the BHS Parent Communications Survey when it comes out in April.

Upcoming PAC Meetings

Wed., Apr. 25, 6 pm

Wed., May 9, 6 pm

Meetings are in the
Library Reference Room

Beautify Boulder High

In April you may see some lovely improvements to the walkway area on the east end of the BHS parking lot, courtesy of PAC. These are your contributions, hard at work. Thank you!

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

CHOIR NEWS

BHS Choir Director Honored

Susan Kullman, BHS Choir Director, was recently chosen as the subject of a career profile video for **about.com**. Ms. Kullman teaches choir at Boulder High and Centennial Middle School. In addition to teaching choir classes, she is instrumental in the Theatre Department's musical productions, advises Glee Club, and coordinates multiple state-wide performances and competitions with all three choirs. Under Ms. Kullman's guidance, many BHS students have been selected for All State Choirs. Following is a link to the **about.com** video: <http://video.about.com/careerplanning/Career-Profile--High-School-Teacher.htm>.

Congratulations to Susan Kullman for being chosen as a model for a successful high school teacher!

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

During March and April, the Boulder High Art Department has an exhibit entitled “Art in the Fast Lane” in the Boulder Public Main Library’s Teen Art Gallery (south of the Bridge). The opening reception was fantastic with live music from BHS performing art students. Thank you to the performers for their beautiful music. Stop by to see the amazing art. 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.
- BHS art students are collaborating with designers and City of Boulder staff to improve the design of 15th Street from Canyon to Arapahoe. Although the process is underway, it is not too late to be involved. Interested students should contact *Kate Villarreal* in Pottery Room 1504.
- The Boulder Potters Guild is extending great opportunities to BHS pottery students. Last semester: art show. This semester: visiting artist *Joel Miller*. Thank you, BPG!
- Visiting professor *Carol Golemboski* from CU Denver’s College of Art’s and Media is coming to BHS to share her photos and drawings and to do an art project with many of our advanced art students. Welcome to Professor Golemboski! Look up her work if you’re interested — great art.



BHS music students *Nikola Yager, Marisha Evans, Haley Slaugh, and Alyssa Carson* (left to right) played beautifully at the reception for BPL's “Art in the Fast Lane” exhibit.

STUDENT COUNCIL

R-Word Campaign, April 17

This is a campaign to prevent the use of the R-word at Boulder High. There will be a giant banner that everyone will be encouraged to sign, thus pledging never to use the R-word.

Student Council Elections, April 19

The students running for executive positions will broadcast their speeches on Panther TV. The other students running for representative positions will have their names and a brief statement in a packet distributed to every classroom.

Don't Drink and Drive Assembly, April 26, 9:40 am, gym

The sophomores have been working really hard and have a great agenda set up for this annual assembly. If parents are interested in seeing the assembly, they are welcome to come. The sophomores also received a grant for a new screen, and it will be a gift to the entire school.

Prom, April 28, Boulder Theater

If any parents are interested in chaperoning, please e-mail *Mary Cait Milliff* (marycait.milliff@gmail.com). We would really appreciate it!

Sunset Cinema, May 4, 8:00 pm

The freshman class is hosting a sunset cinema for the entire school. They will be playing a movie that has yet to be decided.

Spring Fling, May 9, TAP time

The power puff football teams will play, and there will be food and other fun activities. This is a highlight of every spring, and Student Council is very excited.

Torch Assembly, May 17

The seniors will pass the torch on to the juniors, and all the elected Student Council presidents for the next school year are recognized. In addition, this event will show pictures of each class and clips of memories from the senior class.

Bike to School and Bike Drive

BVSD is sponsoring its annual Bike to School Day on Thursday, April 19, to coincide with Earth Day. Students and faculty who register to participate in Bike to School Day are eligible for a free lunch in the cafeteria and coupons to local stores, and will be entered into a drawing for great prizes including a new bicycle! Registration opens on April 4 and ends on April 19 at midnight, and can be accessed through the following link: <http://www.bvsd.org/toschool>

BVSD is also holding a Bike Collection Drive for the entire school district at BHS the day before, on Wednesday, April 18. The bike drive will collect bikes, bike parts and accessories in any condition, and will benefit BHS bike programs and Community Cycles. Drop-off is between 8:00 am and 5:00 pm in the parking lot next to Arapahoe. Please check your garage and donate what you can!



Carmina Burana

The BHS Music Department will be performing *Carmina Burana* on Thursday, May 3 at 7:00 pm in the BHS Auditorium. The performance will include upper-level 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.



Norway Jazz Students Coming!

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 for activities or want to help, please contact *Terry Holum* at tmholum@gmail.com

CU High School Honor Band

Congratulations to the following students who were chosen to play in the University of Colorado High School Honor Band for the year 2012. They were selected from among the finest players heard from over 350 auditions and 63 schools throughout Colorado.

- *Sam De Fries*, Tuba [alternate]
- *Jason Friedman*, Horn)
- *Ryan Friedman*, Trumpet
- *Rikki Wolpowitz*, Flute (Principal)

The CU High School Honor Band performed on March 3 at the CU Macky Auditorium under the baton of *Prof. Richard Floyd*, Music Director, University of Austin, TX.

Help Us Reach Our Fundraising Goals

IMPA is still working toward making our fundraising goals for our general fund as well as our Instrument Fund. We welcome monetary donations as well as instruments in good repair. Please send in your check made out to BHS IMPA today to *Cathy Faughnan*, IMPA Chair, 421 Indian Peaks Trail West, Lafayette CO 80026, or e-mail cathyfaughnan@gmail.com for details on donating instruments.

Upcoming Events

April 12–14	Colorado All-State Band
April 17	IMPA Meeting, 7:00 pm, Band Room
April 17–27	Norway jazz students in Boulder
April 19–21	Grand Junction tournament – Choir and Orchestra
May 1	Concert Band and Symphony Orchestra Concert, 7:00 pm, BHS Auditorium
May 3	<i>Carmina Burana</i> , 7:00 pm, BHS Auditorium
May 8	Jazz Concert, 7:00 pm, BHS Courtyard

MAKE A DIFFERENCE WISH LIST

Make A Difference – Spring 2012

Thank you to all the Boulder High School families who have already generously donated to the Make A Difference – Spring 2012 “Wish List” fundraiser!

The Make A Difference “Wish List” fundraiser gives all families an opportunity to say “Thank You” to any teacher, program, department, and/or Boulder High School for the significant impact the dedicated, professional and talented teachers and staff have on all of the students!

No donation is too small. Your gift will be combined with other donations to support a more enriching education for all BHS students!

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) _____

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
Make a Difference/Wish List
1604 Arapahoe Avenue, Boulder, CO 80302

If you have questions, please contact *Dolly Dean* (parent coordinator) at dohdean@travellandsports.com

RIDE ON!

APRIL RTD BUS PASSES will be on sale in the Treasurer's Office during both lunch periods on April 4 & 5. Monthly passes are \$39.50. Checks should be made out to BVSD.

MAY RTD BUS PASSES will be on sale in the Treasurer's Office during both lunch periods on April 30 and May 1 & 2

CALENDAR

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

APRIL

- 2–3 **NO SCHOOL – Spring Conference Exchange Days**
- 4 Wednesday 3-Day Week Schedule (all classes meet)
- 10–11 Conference on World Affairs at Boulder High
- 13 Seniors pick up Jostens orders during lunch
- 12–14 Boulder Bijou theater, 7pm, auditorium, \$5
- 18 BVSD Bike Drive, 8am–5pm, BHS parking lot
- 19 Volunteer Breakfast, 8am. *Note: Time was incorrect in March HighLights*
Student Council Elections
Bike to School Day
- 19–21 Grand Junction music tournament; leave at 4pm
- 20 **NO SCHOOL – Teacher Work Day**
- 24 Special Schedule for all students
ACT test for all juniors
College Planning Night for juniors and parents, 7pm, auditorium
- 25 PAC with BVSD superintendent, 6pm, library
- 26 Thursday Rally Schedule — Don't Drink and Drive Assembly
- 27 Sunset Cinema hosted by Student Council, 8pm
- 28 Prom, Boulder Theater
- 30 Deadline to pay all school fees to avoid delays or other problems

MAY

- 1 Concert Band and Symphony Orchestra Concert, 7 pm, auditorium
- 2 Meet the Coaches, Club and Activity Fair for incoming students, 7pm
- 3 Music Dept. performs *Carmina Burana*, 7 pm, auditorium
- 7–18 AP exams
- 8 BHS Jazz Bands Courtyard Concert, 7pm
- 9 PAC Meeting, 6pm, library
Spring Fling organized by Student Council, TAP time
- 15–17 Final Exams for seniors
- 17 BHS Awards Ceremony, 7pm, auditorium
- 18 Senior Class Barbecue and Graduation Rehearsal



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