

# Boulder HighLights



**Boulder High Parents' Newsletter    May 2011 • No. 8**

FROM KEVIN BRANEY, PRINCIPAL

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

As the school year begins to wind down, I encourage students (and families) to enjoy the beautiful spring but remain focused and keep your determination to finish strong! We are starting Advanced Placement (AP) testing, and I am confident our students will continue to impress with their achievement on the exams.

I expect that vacation plans are in the works and want you to keep in mind our registration and school start dates for the fall.

- **Registration:** Monday & Tuesday, August 8 & 9
- **Late Registration:** Tuesday, August 16
- **Orientation Day, 9th Grade:** Monday, August 15
- **All Students:** Tuesday, August 16
- Please see Page 4 for detailed information.

This is also a time to reflect on all we have accomplished this year: from our outstanding individual and team athletic efforts, amazing performances and individual recognitions achieved by our student thespians and musicians, to our regional and state award-winning Mock Trial and Model United Nations teams, phenomenal award-winning and nationally-recognized student art, and, of course, our three Boettcher Scholars. I want to thank our truly dedicated staff who teach, encourage, and support our students everyday and model so well the life-long learning experiences we want students to have and continue with as post-graduates.

I will be communicating with you soon about our bell schedule for 2011–12. It has been a chal-

lenge for us to develop a schedule that first maximizes instructional time for students and that effectively incorporates freshman seminar, TAP, and the required teacher collaboration time but we are putting the finishing touches on a schedule I believe will serve the whole Boulder High community well.

I will also be holding two 2011–12 Budget Forums to provide you with background information as to the restrictions and reductions we are facing for next year. I invite you to a **Principal's Coffee Budget Forum on Tuesday, May 10, at 7:30 am** or the **Evening Budget Forum on Wednesday, May 11, at 6 pm**. I will be sharing the same information at both forums and both will be held in the library. If you have questions about the budget, I look forward to seeing you at one of these forums.

And now to our dear seniors and senior families, **graduation is Saturday, May 21, at 9 am at our own Recht Field**. The BHS staff and I are proud of you and your accomplishments. I look forward to honoring you and celebrating with you on Saturday. To our "graduating" senior parents who have volunteered countless hours, watched countless hours of athletic contests, attended more hours than can be counted at various school activities, I thank you on behalf of the teachers and staff of Boulder High. Simply put, we could not have done it without you.

Go Panthers!

Kevin Braney, Principal  
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# COUNSELORS' CORNER

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## Finals Schedules

### Seniors Finals:

Tuesday, May 17	Periods 2, 5, 7
Wednesday, May 18	Periods 3, 6
Thursday, May 19	Periods 1, 4

### Underclassmen Finals:

Monday, May 23	8:30–10:30 am (Period 1)	12:00–2:00 pm (Period 5)
Tuesday, May 24	8:30–10:30 am (Period 2)	12:00–2:00 pm (Period 6)
Wednesday, May 25	8:30–10:30 am (Period 3)	12:00–2:00 pm (Period 7)
Thursday, May 26	8:30–10:30 am (Period 4)	12:00–2:00 pm (make-ups)

The cafeteria will be closed on Thursday, May 26.

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## Class Schedules

Class schedules will be available on Infinite Campus beginning in August. Paper copies will NOT be handed out at registration.

## Verifying 2011–2012 Schedule Choices

Students and parents should have received and reviewed their course verification forms. If corrections are needed, please note them on the form and return it to the Boulder High Counseling Office no later than Friday, May 13, 2011. If you have not received your form, please stop by the Counseling Office and pick it up. Any changes you make are important—this is the information we will be using to build the master schedule of classes for next year.

## CU/Front Range Concurrent Enrollment

CU/Front Range concurrent enrollment packets for fall 2011 juniors and seniors are available for pick-up now in the Counseling Office. The deadline for returning registration materials to the Counseling Office is Friday, May 13.

## Selective Service

All 18 year-old men must register with the Selective Service. You can register at any post office or online at [www.sss.gov](http://www.sss.gov). Registration is required for eligibility for federal loans, job-training benefits, most federal employment, and enrollment in most colleges and universities, including those in Colorado.

Test Dates and Registration Deadlines

Final 2011					
ACT			SAT		
Test Date	Regular Registration	Late Registration	Test Date	Regular Registration	Late Registration
Jun. 11	May 6	May 20	Jun. 4	May 6	May 20
Register at <a href="http://www.actstudent.org">www.actstudent.org</a>			Register at <a href="http://www.collegeboard.com">www.collegeboard.com</a>		
<b>Note: For testing and college applications, the code for Boulder High School is 060-115.</b>					

2011-12					
ACT			SAT		
Test Dates	Regular Registration	Late Registration	Registration dates were not yet posted on college board's website by our publication deadline. For up-to-date information, check <a href="http://www.collegeboard.com">www.collegeboard.com</a>		
Sept. 10	Aug. 12	Aug. 26	PSAT Sat. October 15, 8:00 am at BHS		
Oct. 22	Sept. 16	Sept. 30			
Dec. 10	Nov. 4	Nov. 18			
Feb. 11	Jan. 13	Jan. 20			
Apr. 14	Mar. 9	Mar. 23			
June 9	May 4	May 18			

Moving This Summer?

If your child does not plan to attend BHS during the 2011-2012 school year, please do the following:

1. Notify *Karen Benson* in the Student Records office (720.561.5318) and tell her where your child will attend school.
2. Make sure that all books are turned in and all fees paid. Remember that transcripts will be withheld until all fines, including those for lost books, are paid. The State of Colorado considers a student a dropout without an official records request from a new school.
3. Instruct the new school to send a request for records to:  
BHS Student Records, 1604 Arapahoe Avenue, Boulder, CO 80302.

## Advanced Placement

Advanced Placement Tests: May 2–13

The AP Test schedule is available on the Boulder High Website: **Departments > Counseling > Testing.**

Advanced Placement Diplomas

Applications for the advanced placement diploma are now available in the Counseling Office. Diploma criteria can be found on the application form, in your student handbook/planner, and

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## 2011–2012 BHS Registration

### All Student Registration Dates

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**Monday, August 8**

Seniors: 8:00 am–11:00 am

Juniors: 12:00 pm–3:00 pm

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**Tuesday, August 9**

Sophomores: 8:00 am–11:00 am

Freshmen: 12:00 pm–3:00 pm

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### 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! Plan to be at the school for about one hour to register.

### Late Registration — NEW DATE

Only checks and cash will be accepted (no credit cards).

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**Monday, August 15**

Freshmen only: 7:00 am–8:00 am

Sophomores, Juniors, & Seniors: 8:00 am–10:00 am

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### Volunteers Needed

Please contact your grade representative if you are able to help at registration.

- *Jenn McCulloch* – Senior class rep: [jennmcculloch@comcast.net](mailto:jennmcculloch@comcast.net)
- *Ann Aschbacher* – Junior class rep: [aschbacher@comcast.net](mailto:aschbacher@comcast.net)
- *Erin Shea-Bower* – Sophomore class rep: [erin.shea-bower@bvsd.org](mailto:erin.shea-bower@bvsd.org)
- *Jennifer Peterson* – Freshman class rep: [jennifer@skitip.net](mailto:jennifer@skitip.net)

### Awards Program 2011

We invite you to join us on May 19, 7:00–9:00 pm in the BHS auditorium to honor the many achievements of students and staff. Each year, BHS's outstanding students are honored at our annual awards program.

We take time to acknowledge our foreign-exchange students, student-body and senior class officers, students who have been recognized for extraordinary community service and leadership, as well as students who have excelled in various departments. Outstanding members in each class and our outstanding scholars and scholarship recipients are given special recognition. Note: We can recognize only scholarships that are accepted.

Finally, the Mary Taylor Award for outstanding educator and the Casey Medal for outstanding senior are presented.

### The BVSD Parent Handbook

The BVSD publication, *Thrive*, is a great resource for parents. Copies are available at the Education Center located at 6500 East Arapahoe Avenue in Boulder. There is also a monthly *Thrive* newsletter through the following link:  
<http://bvsd.org/parents/Pages/ThriveNewsletter.aspx>.

## IT'S FINAL, SENIORS!

### Final Acceptance

**Seniors:** Acceptance to college before the end of the school year is provisional. Final acceptance is based on your second semester grades. This is no time to slack off. Colleges assume you will continue to perform at the level at which you were granted acceptance.

### Final Grade

Seniors who are failing a class that is required for graduation at the end of the first 6-week period of the semester cannot participate in the May 21 commencement unless they pass the class at the end of the semester. Reminder to seniors—poor attendance may result in academic sanctions and loss of credit needed for graduation. Be in class, seniors! Diplomas are awarded only when graduation requirements have been met.

### Final Transcript

Colleges require a final transcript. Final transcript request forms are available in the Counseling Office. Please attach to the form a stamped envelope, addressed to the college admissions office. There is no fee for this final transcript.

### Sharing Success with Seniors

**Parents:** Ensure that your senior provides photocopied verification of college scholarships and awards and other special recognitions to *Jonetta Roy* in the Counseling Office by May 13. BHS wishes to acknowledge these seniors during the annual awards program. Please help us honor your senior by providing us with this information and by attending the program.

## Attention Seniors! Take Note of These Important Dates

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Friday, May 13	Last day to complete Connections hours.
Friday, May 13	Final Transcript Request Deadline (transcripts mailed week of June 13).
Monday, May 16	Pick up orange <b>Senior Sign-out Sheet</b> from the Treasurer. Teacher signatures are required for every class.
Tuesday, May 17	Senior Panoramic Picture, back lawn, 7:30 am. Payment is due at time of photo.
Tuesday, May 17	Senior Finals, Periods 2, 5, & 7, one period long, during the regular class period.
Wednesday, May 18	Senior Finals, Periods 3 & 6, one-period-long, during the regular class period.
Thursday, May 19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Senior Finals, Period 1 &amp; 4, one period long during the regular class period.</li><li>• Torch Assembly, Main Gym, Rally Schedule.</li><li>• Senior Sign-out Sheets are due to the Treasurer. Forms must have all required signatures. All fines must be cleared at this time.</li><li>• 9:30 am, Practice for Awards Program, Auditorium. Teachers are to excuse participants from Period 3 classes.</li><li>• Seniors must empty lockers by 3:30 pm. All remaining items will be donated to charity at the end of June.</li><li>• 7:00 pm, Awards Program, Auditorium.</li></ul>
Friday, May 20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>9:00 am, Commencement Practice – Auditorium. All graduating seniors must attend this meeting. This will be the only practice for Commencement. If you do not attend, you will not be allowed to participate in the ceremony.</b></li><li>• 10:45 am, <b>after commencement practice, caps and gowns</b> will be issued. Students are required to return their school lock.</li><li>• 11:00 am, Senior Barbecue. (Ticket required. Pick up ticket when you get cap &amp; gown.)</li></ul>
Saturday, May 21	Commencement Day <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 8:00 am, Recht Field will be open for seating. The audience is asked to be seated by 8:45 am. No tickets are required. Seating will be in the south stands with any overflow using the north stadium seats.</li><li>• <b>If your guests require handicapped parking or seating, call the main office (720.561.2200) prior to May 20. Please encourage those family members who need special seating to arrive as early as possible.</b></li><li>• <b>Please remember to bring sun protection.</b></li><li>• 8:15 am, Seniors in caps and gowns will line up on the north side of the north bleachers of the football field in preparation for the processional.</li><li>• The rain plan is as follows: If it is raining at 9:00 am, Grad ceremonies will be postponed hourly until about 1:00 pm. At that time, if weather still prohibits graduation at Recht Field, it will be moved to Coors Events Center (CU) at 7:00 pm.</li></ul>

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### Freshmen and Sophomores Choosing Activities and Thinking Ahead

BHS offers numerous extracurricular activities, sports, and clubs. How can you choose the best way to spend your limited extra time?

Don't make the mistake of selecting activities that you believe will impress college admissions officers. Rather, choose your activities by following your interests. Unless you are very focused early on ("I've always wanted to be a veterinarian; therefore, I got involved in the Animal Welfare Group"), use your early high school years to explore a wide variety of clubs and activities. Write for the school newspaper; join the debate society, or get involved in a team sport. Participate in anything that catches your interest.

If you start exploring early, you will gain a good idea of what types of activities interest you as you progress through high school. You can begin concentrating on those that you really enjoy, increasing the time of your involvement, and taking on positions of leadership and responsibility. Colleges look for depth, not breadth, of involvement. They seek a well-rounded class, not a well-rounded student. They know that young adults who are passionate about and skilled in an activity are the best role models for their peers.

Of course, don't let activities consume so much of your time that you have difficulty keeping up with schoolwork. It is important to remember that your studies must come first. No glowing resume can make up for lackluster grades and test scores.

### Juniors An IMPORTANT Time

Juniors, you now have the tools necessary to start searching for colleges!

Counselors went in to your classroom earlier this semester to talk about college admissions, course selection for the fall, and how to use our college and career planning tool, **Naviance**. If you would like to review the presentation (or learn how to use it, parents!), please go to the Counseling web page and you can view the power point. If you have forgotten your

password or need an account set up—parents and students—contact your counselor.

Over the summer, you should be using **Naviance** to explore colleges and formulate a list of schools you are interested in. This is a great time to do some college visits and make sure that you have fulfilled all of the colleges' entrance requirements. Narrow your options down to four to eight schools that you would be interested in applying to when you come back in the fall for your senior meeting.

# COLLEGE PLANNING CALENDAR

## JUNIOR YEAR

### September

- Buckle down if you haven't already. Junior-year grades are extremely important, as is the rigor of your coursework.
- Attend college fairs and gather information. The District website has links that allow you to search for schools that meet your criteria. Talk with your parents about college costs. Knowing now how much they can contribute may affect your decision about where to apply.
- Start gathering information on scholarships. If you hope to qualify for an athletic scholarship, introduce yourself to coaches at the colleges you are considering (athletic resume and/or video e-mail).
- Start (if you haven't already) working on your "long list" of colleges or other post-secondary opportunities.
- **Work on your long list of academic and non-academic opportunities.**
- **Attend the college fair at CU**

### October

- Take the PSAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test to practice for the SAT and to qualify for scholarships offered by the National Merit Scholarship Corp.
- Attend regional fall College Fairs and visit with college representatives in the Boulder High Counseling Office (too numerous to list). This process will help you shorten your long list.
- If you are interested in attending a Military Academy, pick up "A Guide for Students Interested in the Military Academies" from the Counseling Office. You will want to order an application kit prior to Thanksgiving.
- **Attend regional college fairs and visit with college reps that visit BHS. Pick up a Military Academy application kit, if needed. Attend the college fair at CU.**

### November and December

- Review your PSAT results and decide whether you'd benefit from an SAT preparation course.
- **Continue to work on your college list.**

### January and February

- Check with your colleges to see if they require--or prefer--the ACT or the SAT. Most colleges will accept either and some counselors recommend taking both since many students do better on one than on the other. The ACT examines knowledge learned in school; the SAT at this point is an aptitude test. The SAT is more achievement based and includes a writing section. Check out local test prep courses and resources available for both tests in the Ozone, in our office, and on our website.
- Sign up for a solid course load for your senior year. The courses you choose will be listed on the transcript sent to colleges.
- **Decide what type of college you are looking for --2 or 4 year, public, private, technical, etc. Determine what factors are important to you - location, setting, size, etc. Select senior courses.**

### March

- Log onto **Naviance**, take "My Personality Type," and explore careers that match your interests and colleges that offer majors that are of interest to you.
- Identify the characteristics of a college that matter to you - size, location, cost, academic rigor, social environment, diversity, for example--and finalize your list of schools to visit and input them in "Colleges that I'm Considering" in **Naviance**. Plan to be on campus while schools are in session. This process will also help you to shorten your long list.
- Sign up for ACT/SAT exams for the spring.
- **You will be taking the ACT at Boulder High in April at no charge and no pre-registration is necessary. If you want/need an SAT score, now is the time to sign up for a spring test. Start school visits.**

### April

- Plan to attend regional College Fairs that will be in the area.
- Be alert to the junior college planning activities that are scheduled in the District or at Boulder High.
- Juniors will take the State ACT test at Boulder High during April.
- Register for May SAT and June SAT Subject Tests in academic subjects that may be required for schools to which you are applying early.
- **Take the ACT at Boulder High. If required for the colleges you're applying to, sign up for the spring SAT Subject Tests. Work on shortening your college list.**



## May

- Take Advanced Placements tests and prepare to take the June ACT or SAT tests.
- If you plan on playing sports in college--**register online with the NCAA Clearinghouse**. Directions and a packet to help you with this process are available in the Counseling Office.
- **Division III athletes do not need to register for the NCAA Clearinghouse.**

## Summer

- Send for applications if you are not applying online and start thinking about your essay topics.
- Consider who might write your recommendations.
- Counselors advise entering senior year with three or four schools in mind that are apt to accept you and one or two "possibles."
- Compile a resume of activities, honors, leadership positions, and job experience. You'll need this information for college applications and scholarship information.
- Visit as many campuses on your list as you can so that you have a manageable selection of schools to work with in the fall.
- **Take SAT or ACT as needed. Work on resume or student profile. Finalize college application list.**

## SENIOR YEAR

### September

- Carefully check your transcript for accuracy. You will be sending it to colleges and want it to be right.
- Continue researching your college options through **Naviance**.
- Visit the College Visit portion of **Naviance** and plan which visits you want to attend in September and October. Have your parents excuse your absences from classes.
- Mark the dates of the Boulder area college fairs: (Out-of-State College Fair - Monarch High School) and (In-State College Fair - CU Events Center).
- View college applications online and get a clear picture of your application tasks.
- Review your ACT and SAT testing schedule and sign up for fall testing dates as needed.
- Prepare letter of recommendation folders for your teachers and counselor.
- Present your recommendation folders to your teachers and counselor so they have ample time to work on them.
- Thank your teachers and your counselor for writing a recommendation for you.
- Be well informed of the deadlines and requirements of your prospective colleges.
- **If you plan to apply under Early Decision**, research what this will mean for you as far as financial aid and other deadlines are concerned.
- Sign up for a graduation/college planning appointment with your counselor. This must take place before **November 1**.

### October

- Begin researching scholarships online through **Naviance** or the Counseling Office website.
- If you are applying for "Early Decision" or "Early Action", have your recommendation folders to your teachers and counselor by **October 15**.
- Continue gathering applications and finalize your list of prospective colleges.
- Get moving on your applications!

### November

- All recommendation requests must be in to your Counselor before the Thanksgiving holiday.
- Beware of Early Action/Early Decision deadlines!
- Attend the Financial Aid Night in **November**.

### December

- Parents begin working on the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). The applications are online at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) .
- Continue researching scholarships on **Naviance**.
- Finish college applications!
- Make arrangements with the Counseling Office to have Mid-Year Grade Reports sent to your colleges.
- Verify that all of your application materials have been sent out.

### January

- Prepare to file all Federal Financial Aid forms--preferential filing date is usually **February 15**.

## February

- **You are almost there!** Continue the scholarship search.

## March

- Decision letters will begin to arrive.

## April

- Evaluate your financial aid offers.
- Prepare to notify your college of choice by **May 1** of your decision to attend.

## May

- Submit your request to have your final transcript sent to the college of your choice.
- Complete the Senior Survey on **Naviance**.

### NOTE

If you are applying for "Early Action" or "Early Decision" to a college or university, you must speed up the above timetable. Deadlines for Early Decision and Early Action applications are usually **November 1** or **November 15**. Many schools require that the SAT tests be taken no later than **October** if applying early.

### College Search

The following sites will help you with your search for a college. It is a process, and there are many sites that can help you establish a working list. Our counselors and the College/Career Center staff are valuable resources that can help you work on a manageable list.

- **Princeton Review** [www.princetonreview.com](http://www.princetonreview.com)
- **CollegeView** [www.collegeview.com](http://www.collegeview.com)
- **GoCollege** [www.gocollege.com](http://www.gocollege.com)
- **Colleges That Changes Lives** [www.ctcl.org](http://www.ctcl.org)
- **Associated Colleges of the Midwest** [www.acm.edu](http://www.acm.edu)

### College Applications

Most college applications can be completed or downloaded on-line. Colorado school applications and other school applications and information are available in the College/Career Center.

- **CommonApp** [www.commonapp.org/CommonApp/default.aspx](http://www.commonapp.org/CommonApp/default.aspx)
- **ApplyWeb** [www.applyweb.com](http://www.applyweb.com)
- **Boulder High college application process**  
[schools.bvsd.org/boulderhigh/departments/counseling/app\\_process.aspx](http://schools.bvsd.org/boulderhigh/departments/counseling/app_process.aspx)

### NCAA Clearinghouse

This is for second semester juniors and all seniors who plan to participate in NCAA sports in college. A packet that will assist you with this process is available in the counseling office.

#### Instructions:

1. Go to **NCAA Eligibility Center** [www.ncaaclearinghouse.net](http://www.ncaaclearinghouse.net)
2. Click "**Prospective Student Athletes**"
3. Click "**U.S. Students Register Here**"
4. Fill in all data. You will need: Social Security number, credit card, High School code: **060115**
5. Print Copy 1 and Copy 2 of the forms and sign.
6. Bring in both copies with \$2.00 for a transcript to your counselor. BHS will send your transcript to the NCAA.

## Thank You, Parents!

Heartfelt thanks to all of the Boulder High parents who volunteered their time to our school this year. A special thanks to the folks who assumed leadership positions:

- Co-Chairs: *Lisa Green & Martha Larson*
- Secretary: *Leanne Lockhart*
- E-News Editor: *Marcella Setter*
- Treasurer: *Terry Odendahl*
- After Prom: *Dawn Brandt*
- Back to School Night: *Marcie Young*
- Freshman Class Rep: *Erin Shea-Bower*
- Sophomore Class Rep: *Ann Aschbacher*
- Junior Class Rep: *Jenn McCulloch*
- Senior Class Rep: *Patty Ross & Leanne Lockhart*
- College Information Night: *JoAnn Beserra*
- CSAP Snacks: *Martha Larson*
- District Accountability Committee: *Karen Blakemore*
- District Parent Council Rep: *Tricia Fitzpatrick*
- Governance Team: *Melinda Gillespie & India Wood*
- Highlights Editor: *Nancy Stevens*
- Highlights Assistant Editor: *Tonya Bucher*
- Latino Parent Advisory Council: *Maria Murillo*
- Make a Difference: *Dolly Dean*
- Grocery Certificates: *Renee Winklmann*
- Ozone Snacks: *Emily Gadacz*
- Peach Sales: *Beth Soltis*
- Registration: *JoAnn Bessera & Mary Van Lieshout*
- RTD Teen Pass: *Cindy Henry*
- Senior BBQ: *Lynn Guissinger*
- Showcase Night: *Leah Kahn*
- SIT: *Julie Gullet*
- Shadowing: *Bigi Schanz*
- Staff Appreciation: *Leah Kahn & Jody McCarthy*
- Project Manager: *Donna Crain*
- Advertising Chair: *Ingrid DiPaula*
- Distribution Chair: *Melinda Gillespie*
- Database Chair: *Brenda Bruening*
- Webmaster: *Gwen Ginley*

## Volunteers Needed

As we prepare to say goodbye to our seniors, we also bid a fond farewell to our parents who are "graduating" from PAC leadership positions. As always, this means we will have lots of great opportunities for new parents to get involved next year! Here are positions we will need help with next year:

- PAC Co-Chair
- Secretary
- E-News Editor
- After Prom Coordinator
- Freshman (and possibly Sophomore) Class Representatives
- CSAP Snacks
- Assistant Highlights Editor
- Ozone Snacks (possibly)
- Registration Co-Chair
- RTD Teen Bus Pass Coordinator
- SIT Representative (possibly)
- Shadowing (possibly)
- Student Directory: Head of Advertising
- PAC Volunteer List Coordinator
- Liaison to Latino Parent Program Group (possibly)

Please email [chairs@bhspac.org](mailto:chairs@bhspac.org) if you are interested in one of these positions or have questions about PAC.

Have a wonderful summer (and relax!). Thanks for letting us be of service.

*Lisa Green*  
*Martha Larson*  
2010-11 PAC Co-chairs  
[chairs@bhspac.org](mailto:chairs@bhspac.org)



## VISUAL ART NEWS

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Congratulations to *Kate Fitzgerrell*: National Silver Medalist in the Scholastics Art Competition. Her fashion creation "Geometry" was honored out of over 150,000 entries. Likewise, *Oscar Gutierrez Gonzales* showed his recycled fashion design in the "Haute Garbage" sponsored by Anthropologie and Common Threads. He looked spectacular going down the runway in his own creative outfit complete with his signature sunglasses!

BHS students have displayed work in many shows this spring. The annual BVSD Art Show was at the Dairy Center for the Arts. Forty-five students showed work at the Louisville Recreation Center in the 2011 Congressional Art Competition sponsored by *Jared Polis*. On May 5, BHS Art Department, along with the Music Department, is celebrating an End of the Year Show. Students will be demonstrating and showing art in pottery, drawing, painting, and photography.

The Drawing and Painting room hosted 20-plus teachers and staff in an "Inkle Weaving: Weaving Math to Make Art" workshop after school in April.

BHS Art students are creating art for the community! Students produced designs to be featured in After Prom, the weight room foyer, the fall Football Program, and the BHS 2011–12 student planner. We are proud of their contributions and outrageous talent.

## LATIN AWARDS

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### Latin Students Earn Distinctions on the 2011 National Latin Exam Omnibus bene factum!

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#### Summa Cum Laude – Gold Medal

Latin 2: *Kyra Neiman, Christian Gregorich*

Latin 3: *Erica Weiner, Asmir Mahic, Ryan Tepper*

#### Maxima Cum Laude – Silver Medal

Latin 2: *Nina Jasienczyk-Krol*

Latin 4: *Nick Anderson*

#### Magna Cum Laude

Latin 2: *Riley Keating*

Latin 3: *Hans Lehndorff, Alize Marchand*

#### Cum Laude

Latin 1: *Graham Cobleigh, Levi Chandler, Dylan Moore, Elena Tift, Ethan Wright, Adrienne Goldberg, Cassidy Forest*

Latin 3: *Jack Huettel*

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# MUSIC NEWS

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## Kudos!

Congratulations to our *Rikki Wolpowitz* who won the 2010–2011 High School Flute Concerto Competition, held by the Mesa State College and Western Colorado Flute Choir.

*Rikki Wolpowitz* (flute) and *Michelle Gaffney* (bassoon) were both elected to the CU High School Honors band for 2011.

## Orchestra and Choir in Italy

In April, *Dr. Katherine Mason* and *Susan Kullman* led a combined Orchestra and Choir performance tour in Italy. The Italian culture is very supportive of musicians: In Tuscany, the public turned out for a concert at 9:00 pm on a Sunday night with standing room only! In Cremona, students toured the Stradivarius Museum. In Vatican City, Rome, they saw the exquisite architecture and frescoed decorations of the Sistine Chapel in the monastery at St. Peter's Basilica and heard the enchanting sounds of monks performing a Gregorian mass. They also report wonderful food, several sightings of "David" (including the real one), and regrettably, a "cheesy" opera experience.

## Congratulations!

Seniors *Jordan Ford* and *Ellen Thompson* received the National Choral Award for being outstanding Jazz Choir students.

Upcoming Events	
Tuesday, May 3, 7:00 pm	Orchestra Concert
Thursday, May 5, 7:00 pm	Band Concert
Tuesday, May 10, 7:00 pm	Jazz Concert
Thursday, May 12, 7:00 pm	Choir Concert
Tuesday, May 17, 5:00 pm	Music Awards and BBQ in the courtyard



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## Thank You! (From the After Prom Committee)

A BIG Thank You to all of the parents who donated money and time to After Prom! Because of you and all of the hard-working volunteers, we were able to put on another successful After Prom and hopefully keep your kids safe and sound on Prom Night.

## BUSINESS DEPARTMENT NEWS

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### Congratulations!

Congratulations to *Katie Hall*, Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) State Qualifier and Third-Place Finisher!

On April 17, 18, and 19, seven Boulder High School students competed at the FBLA State Competition in Vail, Colorado. Over 2,500 FBLA members from all over the state participated in the competition this year.

Six of our state qualifiers were *Elena Tift*, *Jessica Bishop*, *Samantha Leonard*, *Cassidy Forest*, *Catie Chavez*, and *Alexandra Thayer*. Our seventh qualifier was sophomore *Katie Hall* who placed Third in the Personal Finance competition. Katie was just one place away from qualifying for the National Competition which is being held in Orlando, Florida, in June. All of this year's state qualifiers are looking forward to next year when each of them hopes to place in the top ten in state and hopefully earn a spot in the 2012 National FBLA Competition.

### Local Businesses Support BHS Students

Mr. Tuttle's Business Management class recently completed a project-based learning activity that required the support of some of our local Boulder businesses. As a result, we would like to publicly thank the following businesses for their support:

- Pita Pit
- Past Jay's
- Illegal Pete's
- Red Robin
- Spicy Pickle
- Firehouse Subs
- VG Burger
- 4580
- Jackie & Michael's
- Buffalo Wild Wings
- Del Taco
- Caffe Sol
- 15th Street Coffee
- Colorado Bookstore
- Shuttle's
- Atlas Purveyors
- Pharmaca
- Meow Meow
- College Optical

We would ask that you please keep these businesses in mind and support them whenever possible.

## STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

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Prom took place April 30 and was a great night for the juniors and seniors.

Student Council has a busy month ahead! This month we have our Spring Fling and annual Power Puff game between the senior and junior girls! We will be holding a staff breakfast to show appreciation for our wonderful faculty at Boulder High School. Yes, high school kids will be doing the cooking. We've ordered a memorial plaque to remember those BHS panthers whom we've lost over the years, and Student Council is honored to be involved with this project. At the end of the year, we'll pick the Homecoming theme for next year.

This has been a wonderful 2010–2011 year for us and Student Council is always excited to be a part of such a welcoming community.

# MODEL UNITED NATIONS

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## 2010–11 Highlights

Service, problem solving, and skillful diplomacy were the main goals for the 2010–11 Boulder High School Model United Nations team. Highlights included:

- Trained 104 new Model U.N. students and eight presiding officers from 11 high schools at two BHS sponsored “Intro to MUN” Saturdays
- Donated \$600 from our BHS MUN conference to a Uganda girls’ organization and \$800 for micro-loans to individuals in underdeveloped states
- Helped other Colorado MUN conferences with presiding officers, logistical support, and resolutions for Beginner Security Councils
- Hosted our fourth successful MUN conference in September
- Over 110 BHS students participated in at least one MUN conference
- Over 80 BHS students participated in two or more MUN conferences
- Multiple BHS student-delegates wrote and passed resolutions in five MUN conferences, simulating real-world problem-solving
- Multiple BHS delegates earned recognition for skillful diplomacy
- “Outstanding Delegation/Team” recognition at Cornell University MUN in 23-school division of less than 20 delegates
- Four BHS delegates earning individual recognition at the Cornell University MUN

*Aidan Milliff* (12) Best Delegate

*Peter Repucci* (12) Honorable Mention

*Sophie Harrington* (11) Honorable Mention

*Rosa Baum* (12) Verbal Commendation



## When Opportunity Knocks

We all want the best for our kids—the best education, the best resources, and the best opportunity to achieve their financial dreams. But with our busy lives, we don't always have the time to shop around and research alternatives to ensure that we are helping our kids get the best value for years to come when it comes to financial services.

For many parents, it seems reasonable to simply open an account for their kids at the financial institution they are currently banking with, because it's easy, they are familiar with the bank services, etc. And while adding your kids onto your account today might be FREE and seem right, it actually will cost them a great deal down the road. Here's why...

Banks know most customers never switch, and will be customers for life. Banks are usually the least competitive providers of personal banking services compared to credit unions. They know that if they get you now, they can make serious bucks from you for a long, long time.

It is essential to ask questions and do some research about interest rates, fees, and minimum balance requirements for Savings, Checking, Credit Cards and Loans to see who offers the overall lowest costs. Typically, you'll find the best value at your credit union where service and education is the focus, not profit. In fact, we did some research and found some great comparison information...check out the student website at [www.bvcu.org/panthers](http://www.bvcu.org/panthers).

If saving money is important to you, make the wise financial decision and encourage your student to join the Panther Student Credit Union, which is sponsored by Boulder Valley Credit Union, while it is still offering to match up to \$20 of your initial deposit. In addition, family members can also join Boulder Valley Credit Union and enjoy a lifetime of savings. If you have questions or would like more information, contact Steve Carr at [scarr@bvcu.org](mailto:scarr@bvcu.org) or call 303.415.3504.

## Support BHS at Target

If you shop at Target stores, please consider using the Target Red Card and designate Boulder High as your school of choice. Target sends a yearly check valued at a percentage of cardholders' purchases to Boulder High School. This money goes towards Student Activities.



# 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).

**Needed: 2011/2012 Teen Bus Pass Coordinator.** Coordinate volunteers to sell passes during the school year and at registration. Monthly reconciliation. Minimal time commitment. If interested, please contact Cindy Henry at [cindylouwho3333@yahoo.com](mailto:cindylouwho3333@yahoo.com).

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## CALENDAR

Please make note of these Calendar changes:

- Spring Fling has been moved to Tuesday, May 10. The class schedule will follow our SCHEDULE 3. (School will be dismissed at 2:00 pm, and there will be no TAP time.)
- Wednesday, May 11 is a regular SCHEDULE 3, with TAP from 2:05–3:00 pm.
- Thursday, May 12 is a regular day.

### 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	SCHEDULE 3 AP Testing	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	<b>EARLY DISMISS SCHEDULE—Spring Fling</b> AP Testing Courtyard Jazz Concert, 7 pm	21	Graduation, Recht Field, 9 am
11	<b>SCHEDULE 3</b> AP Testing ACT Make-up	23	<b>FINALS SCHEDULE (1, 5)</b>
12	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

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