

Boulder HighLights



Boulder High Parents' Newsletter

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FROM KEVIN BRANEY, PRINCIPAL

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

I enjoyed seeing so many of you at Parent Teacher Conferences. As expected, the conferences were well attended and it was great to observe the valuable interaction between parents and teachers. Parent support plays such an important role in student success. I know I speak on behalf of our staff when I give special thanks to *Leah Kahn*, *Jody McCarthy* and our Parent Advisory Council (PAC) for providing the staff with a wonderful dinner—a much appreciated boost to the start of conferences. Our second set of conferences is scheduled for March 6 and 8.

As we move towards winter, the energy level of students, staff and parents seems to rise. With finals, end of first semester, the narrowing down of college choices and winter break on the horizon, it is important that we work together to keep students focused. If we can be of assistance in this area, please don't hesitate to let us know.

Thank you for supporting Boulder High during the annual October Count. This "window" of attendance record-keeping determines our state funding for the year, at the district and school levels. As you can imagine it is a significant time for faculty and administration. As our enrollment continues to climb, the October Count number from the previous year plays a significant role in my efforts to appeal for new monies the following year. Thank you for your diligence in promoting your student's attendance and minimizing appointments on the count day of October 1.

The Counseling Office, once again, did an outstanding job welcoming over 180 college admission representatives in October. Many of our junior and senior students took advantage of this unique opportunity to meet with the representatives, find out more about the colleges they're interested in, and introduce themselves personally to admission officers. These visits play an invaluable role in the admission process. Please know how pleased I am with the efforts of our Counseling Team and the many parent volunteers who helped all of us make a positive impression and facilitate these important conversations. Additionally, the

Counseling Office and Testing Coordinator *Marianne Chavez* were busy this month with our 10th and 11th grade students. In preparation for college admission, over 400 sophomores and juniors took the PSAT at BHS in October. The PSAT is great practice for our sophomores and is the qualifying test for juniors for National Merit scholarship consideration. I look forward to reviewing the results.

PAC's "Reality Check" was a big success. I want to thank planners and organizers *Tricia Fitzpatrick* and *Clarissa King* as well as panelists *Marcus Askins* (School Resource Officer), *Peggy Jessel* (Boulder's Deputy District Attorney), *Ken McLaughlin* (BHS School Psychologist), *Claire Sandford* (BHS Counselor), and *Ainsley Cone* and *Bettina Bepler* (BHS Interventionists). This well-attended discussion opportunity addressed a variety of complex timely issues that impact the lives of our students and community. While being informative, each conversation further solidified the importance of an active and ongoing partnership between home, school, and community. I look forward to more conversations and opportunities for discussion so that we can continue in our efforts to support our students make wise and healthy decisions.

At the end of November the BVSD Open Enrollment period begins. For those considering Boulder High for the 2012–2013 school year, we invite you to our Showcase Evening on December 1, the Principal Coffees in December and January, and school tours as you consider having your student shadow one of our 9th graders. Detailed information on all of these activities can be found on our website.

As always, if you have something to share, questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me.

GO, PANTHERS!

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District Counselors Work Together

The district-wide Colorado College Night held at Centaurus High School and the Out-of-State College Fair held at Monarch High School were both quite a success. Your evaluations were very positive and requested that we continue these efforts in the future. Thanks for your attendance and support!

Thank You!!

We have been very busy in the Counseling Office this month and we could not have accomplished all we did without the help of some very dedicated volunteers.

To help us offer students the opportunity to visit with over 120 colleges during the week of October 10, we owe a big thank you to *Amy Adams, JoAnne Baumgartner, Shelly Benford, Regina Bock, Evelyn Coleman, Louise Fordyce, Kim Green, Karen Hassan, Amy Munding, Lisa Prosch, Lisa Rivard, Alison Sedey, Amy Tucker, and Felicity Wong*. We also owe a big thank you to *Michele Leifer* for coordinating the volunteers and the food and drink donations for our college reps.

Additionally, we registered over 415 students for the October 15th PSAT, which we could not have accomplished without the help of *Cathy Clark* (volunteer coordinator), *Shelly Benford, Regina Bock, Jennifer Drake, Kim Green, Jennifer Hohlfelder, Alison Hoffmaster, Allison Hybertson, Margaret Katz, Elene Mooney, Jennifer Peterson, Maribeth Van Haute, Denise Weathersby, and Felicity Wong*.

Thank you, one and all!!

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

ACT		SAT		AP
Test Date	Regular Registration	Test Dates	Regular Registration	Test Dates
Dec. 10	Nov. 4	Dec. 3	Nov. 8	May 7–18, 2012
Feb. 11	Jan. 13	Jan. 28	Dec. 30	
Apr. 14	Mar. 9	Mar. 10	Feb. 10	
June 9	May 4	May 5	Apr. 6	
		June 2	May 8	
Register online at www.act.org		Check www.collegeboard.com for registration dates		Testing schedule will be available on the Counseling website
Note: For testing and college applications, the code for Boulder High School is 060–115.				

COUNSELORS' CORNER

FACEBOOK

Is Facebook a convenient way for you to get information from us? If so, search Boulder High School Counseling Department on Facebook and "Like" us. We'd love for you to join us in this forum.

Scholarship News

We receive new scholarship information constantly. Our listings are located on Naviance as well as online on the BHS website (**Departments > Counseling > Scholarship Info**). Students are urged to check this listing. Also, *Cathy Clark*, parent volunteer, is available in the Counseling Office on Tuesdays from 12:30–2:30 pm and *JoAnne Baumgartner*, parent volunteer, is available in the Counseling Office on Wednesdays from 1:30–3:30 pm to answer scholarship questions.

Seniors: Graduation Credit Check Due— Sign up Now!

Parents, please remind your senior to sign up and complete a Senior Graduation Check if s/he has not already done so. This 30-minute session focuses on the student's progress toward graduation. Your senior must complete two forms, a Release of Records and an Application for Diploma (available in the Counseling Office), before meeting with his/her counselor.

Financial Aid Night for Parents Monday, November 14

Boulder High Auditorium

Join us for an informative evening on the ABCs of college financial aid.

We are pleased to have a college financial counselor give a presentation and answer your questions.

You will get valuable information on applying for scholarships, completing the FAFSA form, and on student/parent loans.

See you there!

SENIOR COLLEGE COUNTDOWN

Now

- Carefully check your transcript for accuracy. You will send it to colleges and want it to be right.
- Continue researching your college options through Naviance.
- 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.
- Begin researching scholarships online through Naviance or the Counseling Department webpage.
- Continue gathering applications and finalize your list of prospective colleges.
- Get moving on your applications!
- All recommendation requests must be in to counselors before the Thanksgiving Holiday.
- Beware of Early Action/Early Decision deadlines!

December

- Parents begin working on the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). The applications are online at fafsa.ed.gov
- Continue researching scholarships on Naviance.
- Finish college applications!
- Verify that all of your application materials have been sent out.

January

- Make arrangements with the Counseling Office to have mid-year grade reports sent to your colleges.
- 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.

Naviance logons & passwords are available from your student's counselor.
Naviance website: <http://connection.naviance.com/boulder>

JUNIOR YEAR PLANNING GUIDE

Now

- Take your coursework very seriously. Your GPA and the classes you take this year are very important for your college admissions next year.
- 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 a list of prospective colleges on Naviance.
- Take the PSAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test.
- If you are interested in attending a military academy, pick up "A Guide for Students Interested in the Military Academies."
- Review your PSAT results and decide whether you'd benefit from an SAT preparation course.
- Continue to work on your college list.

January & February

- Check with your colleges to see if they require—or prefer—the ACT or the SAT.
- Sign up for an SAT at www.collegeboard.com. (You will take the ACT at BHS in April.)
- 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.
- Sign up for a meeting with your counselor to do your junior credit check and senior course selection.

March & April

- 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.
- Plan to be on campus while schools are in session.
- Do your best on the ACT at Boulder High in April. No charge and no registration necessary!
- Register for May SAT and June SAT Subject Tests in academic subjects that may be required for schools to which you are applying early.
- Attend regional college fairs.

May

- Take Advanced Placements tests and prepare to take the June ACT or SAT tests.
- Register online with the NCAA Clearinghouse if you plan on playing college sports. Directions and a packet to help you with this process are available in the Counseling Office.

Summer

- Check out applications for prospective colleges online.
- Start thinking about your essay topics. Consider who might write your recommendations.
- Compile a resume of activities, honors, leadership positions, and job experience.

PAC Sets Goals for 2011–12 School Year

Based on feedback from the Parents' Potluck Survey and PAC meeting attendees, PAC has set two major goals for this school year. They are:

1. **Make the Boulder High campus more attractive.** Did you know that the only landscape maintenance the school district provides is grass mowing? As a result, other areas of the grounds have unfortunately been neglected. PAC will be stepping in to help the school by providing parent volunteers to weed, spread mulch, plant trees and flower bulbs, and generally spruce up the grounds. Over the next few months PAC will also be working with school administration to formulate a comprehensive campus physical improvement plan. Stay tuned for more details as the plan develops.
2. **Increase parent involvement and communications at Boulder High.** There is no doubt that the higher the level of parent feedback and involvement, the more enjoyable and successful school is for their children. PAC would like to find ways to reach out to parents and encourage them to be a more active part of the Boulder High community. We will be working to find ways to bring parents together as volunteers and contributors to a robust parent community. We will also work on improving channels of communication between parents, PAC, teachers and school administration.

Next PAC Meeting

Please join us at the next PAC meeting, November 30th at 6:00 pm in the BHS library reference room. Go through the main door of the library and keep turning right—we're in the back room. We meet from 6:00–7:30 pm, with a hard cutoff at 7:30 since we want to make good use of busy parents' time.

"Reality Check" a Success

On September 21, PAC hosted the first of a two-part series of panel discussions about the pressures and challenges students face at Boulder High School. The evening was a huge success and was extremely informative. Thanks to all the panelists who participated and to *Clarissa King* and *Tricia Fitzpatrick* for organizing the event.

We want to hear from 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.bhspacfs.org



INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

Western States Honor Orchestra Festival

Congratulations to the 16 students accepted to the 2011 Western States Honor Orchestra Festival in Greeley. These students distinguished themselves from among 400 applicants and will participate in the festival on November 3, 4, and 5, 2011.

Violinists	Violists	Cellists
<i>Isaac Allen, Freshman</i>	<i>Marisha Evans, Sophomore</i>	<i>Oscar Friedman, Senior</i>
<i>Jessica Bishop, Senior</i>	<i>Alexandra (Sasha) Figel, Sophomore</i>	<i>Elsa Kelley, Junior</i>
<i>Colin Evans, Junior</i>	<i>Andrew Oakleigh Nelson, Senior</i>	<i>Serena Tennenbaum, Sophomore</i>
<i>Sophie Gordon, Junior</i>	<i>Stephanie Wong, Freshman</i>	
<i>Ellen Rhodes, Senior</i>	Harpist	Bassist
<i>Amelia Waltman, Junior</i>	<i>Isabella Soehn, Junior</i>	<i>William Nelson, Freshman</i>
<i>Erica Wiener, Senior</i>		

New Music Scholars Program

The Instrumental Musical Parents Association (IMPA) recently received a grant for \$12,000 to be used for a new program, titled The Music Scholars Program. The purpose of the program is to encourage and support eight promising music students through lesson tuition help, musical instrument purchase, mentoring, and access to special concerts and musical events.

The winners were selected by the Music Scholars Committee in conjunction with the Music Department staff. Special thanks to *Cathy Faughnan* and *Terry Holum* for chairing this project and to the Music Dept. staff for working hard to make it happen. The students and their families were treated to an awards dinner on Oct. 6th. Congratulations to the following students!

Orchestra

9th Grade: *Heviannah Hernandez*

10th Grade: *Nikola Yager*

11th Grade: *Lee Nicoletti*

12th Grade: *Marc Ball*

Band

9th Grade: *Ethan Bushnell*

10th Grade: *Ronnie Jensen*

11th Grade: *Rebecca Landau*

12th Grade: *Bryson Leach*



INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

Student Scholarships

This year IMPA is helping an additional ten students to afford lessons, through our scholarship program. Funds for this program come from donations at concerts and concessions. **Due to the difficult economy, more students than ever need this help and our funds are depleted.**

If you or your business can help with a financial contribution, we can make sure that all students have equal access to lessons. For additional information please contact our Chair *Cathy Faughan* at cathyfaughnan@gmail.com or send a check payable to IMPA (with Scholarship Fund on the memo line) to *Cathy Faughan*, 421 Indian Peaks Trail West, Lafayette CO 80026.

Students Earn Money for Music

Thanks to a team of dedicated parents, IMPA is again organizing food concessions at BHS football and basketball games. Students who work at the games earn \$25 per game for their student account which can be used for music lessons and trips. We think it is important for students to be able to contribute to their musical education.

Please support our efforts by purchasing concessions at these events or volunteering to help. Special thanks go to our Chairs *Teri Wolpowitz* and *Gigi Lambert* for putting in countless hours to make this opportunity available to students. To sign up to help, please contact *Teri Wolpowitz* at allanwol@gmail.com

IMPA also organizes our annual wreath and poinsettia sale from Oct. 13–31 to allow students the opportunity to earn funds for their music education. Special thanks goes to *Tamara Nelson*, *Caroline Mclean* and *Leslie Kannan* for chairing this committee and thanks to all who purchased these items from our students. Wreaths and poinsettias will be delivered the last week in November.

Help IMPA Reach our Fundraising Goal

Did you know that IMPA supports our music program with a budget of approximately \$40,000? **The district pays only for our teachers. Everything else comes from donations.**

We can't do it without parent support. If you have not already, please plan to send in your donation to *Cathy Faughnan*, IMPA Chair, 421 Indian Peaks Trail West, Lafayette CO 80026. Please make checks payable to IMPA. In addition, watch for information on our Instrument Drive beginning in mid November. Your donation helps us to purchase and repair instruments!

Music Dept. T-shirt

Thanks to the work of our talented BHS Art students, we have created and will be selling Music Department T-shirts in men's and women's sizes at our November and December concerts. These make great holiday gifts. \$15 each.



Upcoming Events

Nov. 15, 7:00 pm
BHS Jazz Concert

Nov. 16, 7:00 pm
IMPA Meeting

Dec. 6, 7:00 pm
BHS Band Concert

Dec. 8, 7:00 pm
BHS Orchestra Concert

SCHOOL ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE

Colorado statutes require each public school in the state to have a School Accountability Committee (SAC) consisting of the school principal, teachers, parents and community members. Each SAC is responsible for making recommendations on the school budget and improvement plan, and for reviewing progress towards implementation of the improvement plan and other progress related to the school's accreditation.

At Boulder High the SAC is a relatively small group of about 15 people, including administrators, parents, teachers, counselors, academic support staff and the school psychologist. The SAC has been meeting weekly since the start of the school year to work on the School Improvement Plan.

The School Improvement Plan begins with performance measurements in three different areas: academic achievement, academic growth and post-secondary readiness. Academic achievement and growth is considered for all students as well as for sub-groups of the school population whose achievement and growth lag that of the general school population. Post-secondary readiness concerns graduation rates, dropout rates, and mean ACT composite scores.

The remainder of the plan defines goals within these performance areas as well as strategies to reach these goals and the process used to develop the plan.

In making recommendations on the plan, the SAC analyzed data from a number of sources including CSAP, ACT, school climate surveys, teacher surveys, graduating senior surveys and focus group results. Individuals from SAC developed a survey for the teachers and conducted focus groups. The teaching staff provided their input during in-service days and collaboration time. Principal *Kevin Braney* and Assistant Principal *Katheryn Keyes* did the actual development of the School Improvement Plan based on input and recommendations from the school staff and the SAC.

The School Improvement Plan, although not comprehensive of every activity at Boulder High, does contain a wealth of information about the performance of the school and areas that will be focused on for improvement. This year's School Improvement Plan can be found on the Boulder High website.

For the remainder of the school year the SAC will meet monthly to review progress towards implementation of the School Improvement Plan, make recommendations on the school budget and provide advice in other areas as requested by the school principal. For questions about the SAC, please contact *Principal Braney* or *Asst. Principal Keyes* at Boulder High, or parent *Karen Blakemore* at karen-blakemore@comcast.net.

CHOIR NEWS

Wednesday, November 2: Madrigal Festival at CU for all High Altitude students. Students will miss one day of school. Don't forget your music!!!

Thursday, November 17th: Winter Choir Concert in the BHS auditorium. Starts at 7 pm, free and open to the public. Students' call-time is 6:00 pm in the auditorium, dressed and ready to sing.

LATINO PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

Creating an Effective Community

Do you know what HEAA, ASSET, CIRC, and GT stand for? LPAC does. LPAC is a group of Latino parents who meet monthly to discuss the BHS Latino community needs and opportunities for involvement. There are almost 300 Latino students at Boulder High.

At the September 8 meeting, communication between the school and parents was a main discussion topic. Assistant Principal *Francis Schneeweiss* emphasized the usefulness of the BHS website, Infinite Campus, and the *HighLights* events listings. A communication obstacle is that a substantial number of Latino parents don't have Internet access and have limited English. At the end of the meeting the LPAC parents listed the items that they would like LPAC to focus on this year.

The October 20 meeting was chock-a-block full of information.

- *Israel Garcia*, the director of the **Higher Education Access Alliance** (HEAA), reported on the group's efforts to get the ASSET bill (Advancing Students for a Stronger Economy Tomorrow) passed in the Colorado legislature. ASSET would allow undocumented students who have attended high school for at least three years to pay in-state tuition rates if admitted to a Colorado college within 12 months of graduation. On the federal level the DREAM ACT (Development, Relief and Education for Alien Minors) has a similar intent. A list of scholarships available to all students regardless of citizenship status was passed out.
- *Luis*, a Boulder High graduate, described his involvement with the **Colorado Immigrant Rights Coalition** (CIRC). The organization works to better the lives of immigrants and refugees.
- *Veronica San Gabriel*, a Centaurus High School parent who worked previously with Asst. Principal *Schneeweiss*, and *Nissa Hall* explained the technology and cost of making **video phone calls** to foreign countries.
- The many **BHS resources** for Latino parents were applauded, with special mention made of Adelante! teachers *Michelle Carpenter* and *Leticia Lozano*.
- *Maria Murillo*, a parent whose children graduated from BHS and who has been a member of GT (**Governance Team**), made a pitch for someone to represent LPAC on the BHS GT. Parent *Ludwig Chavez* agreed to attend the monthly meetings as the LPAC representative.
- Asst. Principal *Schneeweiss* highlighted the work of the **Unity Council**, a BHS student organization, to bring together the diverse student body to reject racism and intolerance. The Unity Council's four officers are president, vice-president, director of communications, and events coordinator. The Unity Council has formed committees to organize school-wide activities.
- LPAC plans to form committees based on **possible goals** for the year:
 - Increase Latino parent involvement
 - Organize a carnival to promote community
 - Work to get the ASSET bill passed
 - Work to increase the motivation of Latino students

Parents encouraged each other to bring along a friend to the next meeting.

Next Meeting

The next LPAC meeting will be in the BHS library at 6 pm on Thursday, Nov. 10. Meetings are conducted in Spanish. Snacks and childcare are provided.

PANTHER CLUB



Panther Club Meeting

Mon., November 14
BHS Library
6 pm

The Panther Athletic Booster Club is a nonprofit organization that supports all BHS sports. We assist the athletic department with sports registration, maintain the hall of champions, and hold college sports information nights. One of our key goals is to provide financial assistance to our athletic programs when their needs are not covered by the school district budget or by the individual team's fundraising efforts.

We extend our congratulations to all of the athletes who have participated in the fall sports programs. It takes a community of dedicated coaches and parents to support successful programs. Congratulations to all of you, as well.

Panther Club membership forms will be available to parents as they sign up for winter sports. Please ask at sports registration or visit us at www.boulderpantherclub.com for more information. Membership donations are tax deductible, and members receive a 2011/12 discount card.

Finally, we are still looking to fill some key positions, including Membership Chairperson, Vice President, and banner sales coordinator. Contact *Thom McCarthy* at 303.443.1951 for more information.

Go, Panthers!

STUDENT COUNCIL

Student Council is busy working on our fall and winter projects.

We divide into two different types of committees: one based on our class and one based on our passions.

Class Committees

- **Freshmen—Annual Canned Food Drive**, early November. This will involve a competition between classes for a prize (ice cream or pizza party). The canned food that we collect will be donated to the Emergency Family Assistance Association (EFAA). Please bring in as many cans as possible to support our local community around the time of November 7th.
- **Sophomores—Pancake Breakfast**, Fri., Dec. 9 before school. This is a free breakfast for every student and faculty member.
- **Juniors—Prom**, Sat., April 28
- **Seniors—Winter Ball**, Sat., Jan. 28

Passion Committees

(mixed-grade fall/winter committees)

- **Rally and Sports Appreciation** is planning the spirit-oriented Winter Rally on Thurs., December 1.
- **New Event** is coming up with a new event for the student body.
- **Community Service** is working on finding a project to do within Boulder High, as well as a project to do within the wider community.
- **Adopt-a-Family** is a project in which the student body donates money to sponsor approximately 80 Boulder County families for holiday gifts. We will start collecting money around November 28.

Announcing Our Fall Production, *Xanadu: The Musical* Hilarious roller skating musical adventure will keep you laughing. 1980s tunes will lift you out of your seat.

The Boulder High School Theatre Department is totally stoked to announce its upcoming awesome fall musical, *Xanadu: The Musical*, November 4–5 and 10–12 at 7 pm in the Boulder High Auditorium.

Revisiting the 1980s cult movie starring *Olivia Newton-John* and *Gene Kelly*, the 2007 revitalization, *Xanadu: The Musical*, brings a silly, over-the-top spin to an already silly, over-the-top movie. *Xanadu* follows the journey of a magical and beautiful Greek muse who descends from the heavens of Mt. Olympus to Venice Beach, California, in 1980 on a quest to inspire a struggling artist to achieve the greatest artistic creation of all time—the *first roller disco*.

On Broadway *Xanadu: The Musical* was nominated for four Tony Awards in 2008, including Best Musical and Best Book. It won the Drama Desk Award for Outstanding Book and the Outer Critics Circle Award for Outstanding New Broadway Musical.

Boulder High's poms team and music department are collaborating with theatre students and *David Ayers* and *Angela Gaylor* of Boulder's renowned *Broadway in Boulder* studios and BHS Theatre Dept. Director, *Chris Sweeney* on the production. *Ayers* and *Gaylor* come to Boulder by way of Broadway, performing in shows including *Wicked*, *Mama Mia!*, *Fiddler on the Roof*, *Oklahoma*, *Hairspray*, *La Cage Aux Folles*, and *Cinderella*.

Xanadu promises leg-warmers, roller-skates and fantastic music with a score by *Jeff Lynne of Electric Light Orchestra* and *John Farrar*, songwriter for *Olivia Newton-John*. "Magic," "Party All Over the World," "Suddenly," "I'm Alive," "Xanadu," "Evil Woman," and many other hit tunes.

"*Xanadu* is hilarious," says BHS's *Sweeney*. "For those of us old enough to remember, you'll laugh out loud because this fun show has all the songs you secretly sang to yourself in your car. It will make a great night out not only for musical theater lovers but for anyone who wants to have a good time."

Come join the Boulder High School cast and crew as they show you don't have to be born in the 1980s to make fun of them. Great for all ages—bring the whole family! Get in the spirit and pull out your favorite 80s attire at the "dress up in the '80s" Saturday night performances.

Pricing: \$10 for general admission, \$7 for children, seniors and students.

Tickets are available in advance
or at the door at 6 pm the day of the performance.

To purchase tickets in advance, contact 720.561.5313,
or email boulderhightickets@gmail.com to request your tickets.

Please specify performance night, ticket quantity,
and type of ticket (adult, senior, student, child).

Tickets will be ready for purchase and pick-up the night of show.

VISUAL ARTS

BHS Art Department welcomed two fabulous **visiting professional artists** to work with students; *Will Stoehr* (drawing/painting) and *Barry Krzywicki* (pottery). We appreciate Ed Links through Open Arts Organization who generously sponsors artists coming and working with our students.

BHS involvement with **The Boulder Museum of Contemporary Art** continues to grow. BMOCA welcomed ALL of our art students for a free tour of the museum. Many of our art students are taking advantage of the BMOCA Wednesday series: "Your Brain on ART".

Our "**MeTAL**" sculpture has had such a welcome response in the art wing that student *Nicky Wiehe* has designed a Panther to be fabricated out of the same metal material to be installed near the gym this fall.

Every fall our art students are fortunate enough to go to the Boulder Public Library **Open Studios Art Show** on a walking field trip, followed up by visiting the many artists in Boulder who open their studios to the general

public for two consecutive weekends. This is such a rich experience for our art students!

On Thursday, October 13 we said farewell to our **student teacher** *Tyler Peterson*. Tyler has been with BHS since the beginning of the school year and has given an amazing amount of time, love and support to our department and our students in our Draw/Paint classes, Pottery and Photography. **Our congratulations on a job well done**, and we'd like to wish him the very best in his next student teacher placement.

COVA (Community of Visual Artists)

The next COVA meeting will be:

Thursday, Nov. 17

5-6:30

Virginia Schick's Room, 1510

COVA consists of parents and community members and is open to anyone who would like to attend and be a part of the visual arts at Boulder High School!

The Art Department applauds *Hazel Neithercut* for her pastel portrait and *Melisande Osnes* for her ceramic tea pot. Their artwork was selected for the Boulder Valley School District Art Show in the Board Room at the Ed Center.



Melisande Osnes

Merci beaucoup

All Cultures Day THANK YOU

Muchas gracias

The World Language Department would like to sincerely thank all of our parent and guardian volunteers, world language students, and the Boulder High community as a whole for contributing to the success of All Cultures Day on Friday, October 7.

Students and their families prepared a variety of food that represented the cultures of all languages taught here, and our volunteers were a tremendous help in assembling, sorting, and selling the food items. All Cultures Day entertained the student body with Salsa dancers.

Multas gracias

*Thanks again for your participation.
We couldn't have done it without you!*

Vielen Dank

DOMO ARIGATO

Changes in Concurrent Enrollment Legislation

Legislation exists at the state level that allows students who have exceeded the course offerings at their public high school to access funds to continue their study at the postsecondary level while still in high school. Through this concurrent enrollment program, students may earn both high school and college credit. Many BVSD students have accessed these funds for many years.

Beginning in the fall of 2012, there will be changes in the Concurrent Enrollment legislation that will affect many of our students significantly.

Previously, BVSD has been able to reimburse students who receive a C or better the full tuition rate at CU, Metro State, Front Range or any other non-community college. This will no longer be the case. **Per the new legislative guidelines, BVSD will now prepay only \$105.85/credit hour, or the equivalent tuition rate at the community college level, regardless of which college the student attends.** This means tuition for courses taken at Front Range will be fully

covered, but that families will now be responsible for any additional tuition costs of any other public postsecondary institution. Additionally, as has always been the case, families will need to cover the cost of fees and books associated with the college-level course.

The approval process for courses will not change. Students will need to submit the proper paperwork through their school counselor by the due date. If you have a student who qualifies for but is postponing taking a course at a non-community college, it would be financially beneficial to him/her to apply to take the course this spring. **The deadline for submitting concurrent enrollment applications for spring 2012 courses (with the current reimbursement guidelines) is November 15, 2011.**

Please contact your high school's counseling office for more details about due dates, qualification requirements, and any other questions you have about Concurrent Enrollment.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE WISH LIST

The Make A Difference “Wish List” Really Does Make A Big Difference!

Last year the Make a Difference “Wish List” and Grocery Certificate fundraising programs provided more than \$40,000.00 to fund learning materials, scholarship fees and program support for Boulder High School teachers, staff and our students! You should have received your Make A Difference donation form and letter in the mail. Please do not set it aside. Please make your tax-deductible donation today.

No donation is too small an amount to give, as your gift will be combined with other contributions to support the larger dollar amount requested items as well as a more enriching education for all of our students!

The Make A Difference “Wish List” fundraiser is your opportunity to make a direct donation to a specific teacher, department or an all-school program. Your entire donation will directly benefit students and staff at Boulder High School!

You will not be asked to sell anything, make anything, or bake anything!

Thank you very much for supporting Boulder High School!

Please accept my gift to Boulder High School — Make A Difference “Wish List”

Donor(s) Name(s) _____

Student’s Name _____

Address for tax receipt _____

Telephone # _____

Donation Designation _____

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

Please mail this voucher and your donation to

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

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

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



Boulder Valley School District



ASSOCIATION FOR COMMUNITY LIVING
IN BOULDER COUNTY, INC.

6:00 - 8:00 p.m. on (mostly) Thursday Nights
BVSD Education Center, 6500 Arapahoe, Boulder

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

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

Youth are invited to attend. We will have some concurrent sessions for them in the next room led by staff from the Center for People with Disabilities. Youth cannot be dropped off.

- **October 27: Parent's Journey** - Talk to parents who have launched their children into adulthood along with adult siblings. Learn what you need to be thinking about.
- **November 30: Interdependence** - Young adults with disabilities live an interdependent life and this session addresses the living skills necessary to create a meaningful life.
- **December 15: Middle/High School Planning** - Learn what post-secondary/transition goals are and how to ensure your child's IEP reflects who they are and where they are going.
- **January 19: Employment** - Bob Lawhead from Community Link will lead this important discussion about supported and customized employment.
- **February 2: Employment 2** - More on how to find and keep a job using support from Department of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR), Workforce, and options for self-employment.
- **February 16: Recreation, Volunteering and Citizenship** - Join Colleen Fitzgerald from Boulder Parks and Recreation to discuss nurturing health and wellness within your community.
- **March 15: College Life** - Resource fair and panel of students, parents and student service specialists from area colleges will share stories and success of post-secondary education.
- **April 19: Adult Services** - Imagine! folks will walk us through the world of waivers, wait lists, social security access, eligibility requirement, timelines and more.
- **May 17: Financial Planning** - Learn about 'special needs' planning which integrates life, resource, financial and legal planning.

We will also have parent-only work sessions throughout the year at the ACL. Not a presentation but a chance to ask more in depth questions and work through issues, paperwork and priorities. First session is December 8th from 6-8 PM at the ACL

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

Boulder High School Odaroloc Senior Tribute Order Form

The *Odaroloc* yearbook is offering parents, siblings and friends the opportunity to surprise their graduate with a senior tribute. The *Odaroloc* will be entirely printed in full color, so parents are encouraged to submit color photos as part of their tributes. Black and white photos are also acceptable. In addition to the traditional tribute printed in the yearbook, for \$5 a color or black & white photo with your senior's name (no message) can be included in a slide show on the Yearbook DVD. Here's how to order yours.

Traditional Tribute:

- ◆ Provide us with a candid photo or photos. **Be sure to write the senior's name and a return address on the back of each photo.** Only photos that are accompanied by a self-addressed, stamped envelope will be returned by mail in the spring. All other photos must be picked up in the publications room before **May 18, 2012**. While we will make every effort to return photos by May, be aware that we cannot take responsibility for lost or damaged photos. Therefore, you may wish to provide us with a duplicate print to safeguard against loss.
- ◆ In the space provided below or on a separate sheet, write a message to your graduate no longer than the specified number of words per size purchased ($\frac{1}{8}$ = 15 words, $\frac{1}{4}$ = 30 words, $\frac{1}{2}$ = 60 words, Full = 120 words). Messages that exceed the limit will be edited to length. No exceptions.
- ◆ Please be aware that all tributes are student designed. Staff members will make editorial decisions about fonts, photo cropping and placement. For a more custom look, you may submit a professionally designed tribute. Professionally designed tributes should be submitted on disk and be in the form of a jpeg at 300 ppi. Dimensions: Full = 8.34 X 10.68 inches; Half = 8.34 X 5.25 inches; Quarter = 4.1 X 5.25 inches; Eighth = 4.1 X 2.5 inches.
- ◆ Please do not submit "nudie baby" photos. The *Odaroloc* staff reserves the right to reject tributes containing objectional images or messages.
- ◆ Please limit the number of photos submitted as follows: 1 per $\frac{1}{8}$ page; 2-3 per $\frac{1}{4}$ page; 4-5 per $\frac{1}{2}$ page; 6-7 per full page. If the number of photos submitted exceeds the limit, staff reserves the right to delete photos.
- ◆ Cost: \$40 per $\frac{1}{8}$ page; \$75 per $\frac{1}{4}$ page; \$125 per $\frac{1}{2}$ page; \$250 per full page.
- ◆ **Deadline: Friday, Oct. 21, 2011.** Late tributes will be accepted until Nov. 18, 2011. Please add a \$50 late fee to the cost of the tribute.
- ◆ Make checks to: Boulder High School.
- ◆ Return completed order form and check to: Jeff Likes, yearbook adviser, Boulder High School, 1604 Arapahoe Ave., Boulder, CO 80302.
- ◆ For more information, contact Jeff Likes at 720-561-2336.

DVD Slide Show:

- ◆ Provide us with a color or black & white baby photo and check the box on the order form below. **Be sure to write the senior's name and a return address on the back of the photo.** Only photos that are accompanied by a self-addressed, stamped envelope will be returned by mail in the spring. All other photos must be picked up in the publications room before **May 18, 2012**. While we will make every effort to return photos by June, be aware that we cannot take responsibility for lost or damaged photos. Therefore, you may wish to provide us with a duplicate print to safeguard against loss.
- ◆ Cost: \$5.
- ◆ **Deadline: Friday, Oct. 21, 2011.** Late slide show photos will be accepted until Nov. 18, 2011. Please add a \$5 late fee to the cost of the slide show photo.

Complete and return:

SENIOR'S NAME: _____

PARENT NAME(S): _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

TRIBUTE SIZE: _____ $\frac{1}{8}$ _____ $\frac{1}{4}$ _____ $\frac{1}{2}$ _____ Full

DVD SLIDE SHOW PHOTO: _____ Yes _____ No

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: Tribute: _____ Slide Show: _____ Total: _____

MESSAGE (ATTACH TYPED MESSAGE OR NEATLY-PRINTED MESSAGE)

RIDE ON!

NOVEMBER RTD BUS PASSES will be on sale in the Treasurer's Office during both lunch periods on Oct. 31 and Nov. 1 & 2.

DECEMBER passes and booklets will be sold on Nov. 30 and Dec. 1 & 2.

Monthly passes are \$39.50, and checks should be made out to BVSD.

CALENDAR

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

NOVEMBER

- 1 Election Day (all-mail-ballot election)
- 4, 5, *Xanadu* musical performance, 7 pm, BHS auditorium
- 10-12
- 7-10 Student Council Food Drive
- 11 **NO SCHOOL — Veterans Day**
- 14 College Financial Aid Night, 7 pm, cafeteria
- 14-29 Student Council Adopt-a-Family
- 15 Spring 2010 Concurrent Enrollment application deadline
Jazz Band Concert, 7pm, BHS auditorium
- 17 Winter Choir Concert, 7 pm, BHS auditorium
Winter Sports Information Night, 6 pm
- 18 *Odaroloc* Senior Tributes late deadline (with late fee)
- 21-25 **NO SCHOOL — Thanksgiving Break**
- 30 PAC Meeting, 6 pm, BHS library

DECEMBER

- 1 Showcase for prospective students & families, 6 pm
- 6 Band Concert, 7 pm, BHS auditorium
- 8 Orchestra Concert, 7 pm, BHS auditorium
- 9 Pancake Breakfast for all students and faculty, before school
- 13-16 Final Exams
- 14 PAC Meeting, 6 pm, BHS library
- 19-30 **NO SCHOOL — Winter Break**
Students return to school on Wednesday, January 4



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