

Boulder HighLights



Boulder High Parents' Newsletter

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FROM KEVIN BRANEY, PRINCIPAL

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

Fall is an important time both for academics and sports. October brings lots of activity our way with over 150 college admission representatives scheduled to visit with our students. These visits are an important piece of the college application process, and I encourage seniors to take advantage of the opportunity to make that connection with admission reps from the schools you are considering. I want to recognize, too, the efforts of our fall athletes. Many are new to sports and many are proven veterans. If you haven't yet attended one of our sporting contests, I urge you to do so. Check out BHS Athletics on our website or highschoolsports.net for schedules. The team spirit and camaraderie among athletes, students, parents and staff at these events is outstanding. Homecoming Week was yet another event in which the student body made their school spirit known.

The National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) and College Board recently announced their Semifinalists for 2011. Congratulations to *Sophie Harrington*, *Natalia Lesjack-Randall*, *Andrew "Oak" Nelson*, and *Alexander Toll* for their accomplished performance on the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT). The PSAT/NMSQT is a great tool for standardized test practice as well as being the qualifier for National Merit scholarships. The PSAT/NMSQT will be offered at Boulder High on Saturday, October 15. This test is ideal practice for sophomores and juniors, but only juniors are eligible for National Merit consideration. See inside this issue of *HighLights* for more information.

October also brings our first Parent-Teacher Conferences of 2011–12. Conferences are arena-style, with teachers at tables in the new and old gyms. We have a link on the BHS website to the conference program and to Infinite Campus where you can print your student's schedule for teacher names. This is a great opportunity to speak one-on-one with your student's teachers to discuss progress, celebrate accomplishments and voice concerns. Conferences are from 4–7:30 pm on October 6 (Q–Z), 11 (A–G) and 13 (H–P).

As always, please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns. I enjoy, too, hearing about your student's accomplishments and celebrations. I look forward to meeting many of you at coming school events.

GO PANTHERS!

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This year is well on its way, and September was a busy month. We enjoyed the opportunity to meet with many students and parents, especially with our freshmen. In August we held our annual senior assembly focusing on the college application process. It was well received and we've started meeting individually with seniors for their graduation credit check. If your senior has not already signed up for their 30-minute appointment with their counselor, please encourage them to do so.

As part of our junior/senior college search curriculum, we will be hosting over 160 college admission representatives. Look in this issue for the listing of colleges signed up as of September 30. Absences because of college rep visits need to be excused by parents. Please designate the absence as one for a college visit.

Speaking of colleges, we have lots of students whose siblings took the big leap to college this fall. We know this can produce quite a change in family dynamics (a sewing room at last?) and we encourage parents to give some special TLC to those kids who are feeling the impact of "losing" that older brother or sister.

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

ACT		SAT		PSAT	AP
Test Date	Regular Registration	Test Dates	Regular Registration	Test Date	Test Dates
Dec. 10	Nov. 4	Nov. 5	Oct. 7	Sat., Oct. 15 8 am –12 pm	May 7–18, 2012
Feb. 11	Jan. 13	Dec. 3	Nov. 8		
Apr. 14	Mar. 9	Jan. 28	Dec. 30		
June 9	May 4	Mar. 10	Feb. 10		
		May 5	Apr. 6		
		June 2	May 8		
Register online at www.act.org		Check www.collegeboard.com for registration dates		Test fee: \$27.00 Registration: Sept. 26–Oct. 13	Testing schedule will be available on the Counseling website
Note: For testing and college applications, the code for Boulder High School is 060–115.					

Need to get your student out of class?

If your student has an appointment or commitment that requires leaving school in the middle of the day, please do the following:

1. Arrange with your student in advance where and when to meet.
2. Have your student notify his/her teacher that he/she needs to leave during class.
3. Call to excuse the absence.

Thank you for your support.

Counseling Website

The **Counseling website** is a great resource throughout the year for parents and students. Information on the site includes a complete list of upcoming college visits, scholarship lists, financial-aid information, testing and registration dates, college application process information, and many links to college searches and career exploration, including the Naviance program.

Save this site as a favorite for quick access:

<http://schools.bvsd.org/boulderhigh/departments/counseling/>

or

Go to the Boulder High website:

schools.bvsd.org/boulderhigh

In the "Departments" pull-down menu, select "Counseling".

College Application Process

By now, every senior should have used Naviance many times. If you are unfamiliar with Naviance—its purpose, how to access, etc.—please go to the **Counseling website** under "College Visits and Information". This page describes all aspects of the college application process for seniors, as well as the events leading up to this process that juniors should pay attention to.

Parents: If you would like your own Naviance password (with full access to the website), please contact your student's counselor. If your student has forgotten his/her password or been blocked from the site, your counselor can help with this as well.

Scholarship News

We continually receive new scholarship information and update our listings at least weekly. Our listings are located on Naviance and in the Scholarship Notebook in the Counseling Office as well as online on the **Counseling website** under "Scholarship Info". Students are urged to check this listing.

NCAA Info Night

Monday, October 3, 6:00 pm, BHS Library

Is your son or daughter interested in participating in National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division 1 or 2 athletics? Come and join us on Oct. 3 to learn the basics about the NCAA Clearinghouse. Topics include course requirements, minimal ACT and SAT scores, and initial eligibility.

PSAT: Attention, Juniors & Sophomores!

Saturday, October 15, at BHS

College-bound juniors should plan to take the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT). High-scoring individuals may qualify to become National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists.

The PSAT is also good practice for the SAT. While sophomores may take the PSAT as practice for the SAT, they are not eligible for National Merit competition.

Registration for the PSAT will be held in front of the Auditorium during both A & B lunches from September 26 through October 7. From October 10–13, you can register in the Counseling Office. Cost is \$27.00 (cash or check made payable to Boulder High School).

Financial Aid Night

Monday, November 14, 7:00 pm, BHS Cafeteria

A college financial consultant will present a program for parents on the ABCs of financial aid and the various financial-aid forms. During this hands-on program, parents spend an hour learning how to complete necessary forms, including the FAFSA. FAFSA forms are available at: fafsa.ed.gov.

TIPS FOR PARENTS

Dos & Don'ts for helping your child through college admission

The college search and admission process is a life-changing event for your child. It signals the beginning of a child's transition from teenager to young adult. As a result, it can be difficult for parents to strike the right balance of helping their child without taking over. Here are some dos and don'ts for parents entering the world of college admission.

DO Learn About the Process

Even if you have vivid memories of your own college decisions, realize that the process has changed since you attended. Read about today's college admissions. There are many good books on this topic and high schools often sponsor workshops for parents on college-admission topics. Or ask your child's counselor to recommend resources.

DO Discuss Restrictions Up Front

If there are financial or geographic restrictions that limit the range of colleges your child can consider, discuss them at the beginning of the college search. Then your child won't waste time and energy researching colleges that he/she won't be able to attend.

DO Remind Your Child of Deadlines

The life of a high-school student is often very busy and teenagers are still learning time-management skills. So help your child begin keeping a calendar or day planner to keep track of all those college-application deadlines (as well as his/her school work and activities).

DO Be Your Child's Cheerleader

The college admission process can be stressful. Your child may feel uncertain, fearful of rejection, or anxious about meeting deadlines. During the search process, your child may change his/her mind about career aspirations, academic goals, or what he/she wants in a college. All of this is normal. Parents can help by offering plenty of encouragement, a listening ear, and gentle guidance. Celebrate each step along your child's journey from high school to college.

DO Listen and Offer Advice

For many students, their choice of college is their first adult decision — and it can be difficult. Likewise, it can be difficult for parents to guide their child without making decisions for

him/her. "Parents should be aware of what is going on, should make sure that deadlines are not missed and the proper tests are taken, and should be available when the student wants advice," says *Scott White*, a counselor at Montclair High School (NJ). Ask good questions and let your child supply the answers.

DON'T Nag

"Say what you have to say and drop it," advises White. "If the process delays or changes because students don't do what they are supposed to do, this is one time they may have to live with the consequences." Remember, the goal is for your child to "own" the process.

DON'T Make Decisions for Your Child

Your child needs to choose a college based on his/her individual abilities, interests, and personality. Beware of pressuring your child to apply to the colleges you would like him/her to attend. "This is the first time the student is making a decision that should be theirs alone," says White. Encourage your child to apply to a good range of schools, but your child must decide for him/herself which college to attend.

DON'T Limit Choices Based on Fees

"Parents should certainly be willing to lay out economic realities to their children at the front end of the college search process, but should not shut out options based purely on price," says *Michael E. Dessimoz*, associate vice president for enrollment services at Roosevelt University (IL). Encourage your child to include several affordable colleges among his/her choices, but remember that financial aid often helps families send their children to even the most expensive colleges. No matter your income, find out all you can about financial aid. Your child's guidance counselor or colleges' financial aid offices can direct you to good resources and answer your questions.

Jennifer Gross

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COLLEGE VISITS

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY	STATE	DATE	TIME
Metropolitan State College of Denver	CO	10/3/11	8:00 am
Wellesley College	MA	10/3/11	8:30 am
School of the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston	MA	10/3/11	9:00 am
California College of the Arts	CA	10/5/11	9:00 am
University of Alabama	AL	10/5/11	9:30 am
California Institute of Technology	CA	10/5/11	12:45 pm
CollegeAmerica	CO	10/6/11	10:45 am
University of Colorado at Boulder	CO	10/6/11	12:30 pm
University of Miami	FL	10/7/11	8:00 am
St. Lawrence University	NY	10/7/11	8:00 am
Eckerd College	FL	10/7/11	9:00 am
Trinity University	TX	10/7/11	12:30 pm
Whittier College	CA	10/7/11	12:30 pm
University of Chicago	IL	10/11/11	8:30 am
Marlboro College	VT	10/11/11	8:30 am
Sweet Briar College	VA	10/11/11	8:30 am
Wheaton College	MA	10/11/11	8:30 am
Willamette University	OR	10/11/11	8:30 am
Bowdoin College	ME	10/11/11	9:00 am
Reed College	OR	10/11/11	9:00 am
Colgate University	NY	10/11/11	9:15 am
Ripon College	WI	10/11/11	9:15 am
Gettysburg College	PA	10/11/11	9:30 am
Linfield College	OR	10/11/11	9:30 am
Syracuse University	NY	10/11/11	9:30 am
Union College	NY	10/11/11	9:30 am
Allegheny College	PA	10/11/11	10:00 am
University of British Columbia		10/11/11	10:00 am
Claremont McKenna College	CA	10/11/11	10:00 am
Rice University	TX	10/11/11	10:00 am
The Evergreen State College	WA	10/11/11	10:30 am
Macalester College	MN	10/11/11	10:30 am
Sterling College	VT	10/11/11	10:30 am
Washington and Lee University	VA	10/11/11	11:00 am
St. Olaf College	MN	10/11/11	11:05 am
Bradley University	IL	10/11/11	11:30 am
College of the Holy Cross	MA	10/11/11	11:30 am
Mount Holyoke College	MA	10/11/11	11:30 am
University of Utah	UT	10/11/11	11:30 am

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COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY	STATE	DATE	TIME
Centre College	KY	10/11/11	12:00 noon
Occidental College	CA	10/11/11	12:00 noon
The College of Wooster	OH	10/11/11	9:15 am
Colorado College	CO	10/11/11	12:30 pm
Pomona College	CA	10/11/11	12:30 pm
St. Catherine University–St. Paul	MN	10/11/11	12:30 pm
Washington University in St. Louis	MO	10/11/11	12:30 pm
Franklin and Marshall College	PA	10/11/11	1:00 pm
Knox College	IL	10/11/11	1:00 pm
Hofstra University	NY	10/11/11	1:15 pm
American University	DC	10/11/11	1:30 pm
Boston University	MA	10/11/11	1:30 pm
University of the Pacific	CA	10/11/11	1:30 pm
Wittenberg University	OH	10/11/11	1:30 pm
Princeton University	NJ	10/11/11	1:45 pm
College of Charleston	SC	10/12/11	9:00 am
The George Washington University	DC	10/12/11	9:00 am
Purdue University	IN	10/12/11	9:00 am
Swarthmore College	PA	10/12/11	9:00 am
Kalamazoo College	MI	10/12/11	9:30 am
Kenyon College	OH	10/12/11	9:30 am
University of Massachusetts, Amherst	MA	10/12/11	9:30 am
University of Oregon	OR	10/12/11	9:30 am
Valparaiso University	IN	10/12/11	9:30 am
Carleton College	MN	10/12/11	10:00 am
University of Connecticut	CT	10/12/11	10:00 am
DePauw University	IN	10/12/11	10:00 am
University of Vermont	VT	10/12/11	10:00 am
Colby College	ME	10/12/11	10:30 am
Illinois Wesleyan University	IL	10/12/11	10:30 am
University of Washington	WA	10/12/11	10:30 am
Wesleyan University	CT	10/12/11	10:30 am
Connecticut College	CT	10/12/11	11:00 am
University of Hawaii at Manoa	HI	10/12/11	11:00 am
Oregon State University	OR	10/12/11	11:00 am
Rollins College	FL	10/12/11	11:00 am
Saint Louis University	MO	10/12/11	11:00 am
Gonzaga University	WA	10/12/11	11:30 am
Pitzer College	CA	10/12/11	11:30 am

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Skidmore College	NY	10/12/11	11:30 am
Johns Hopkins University	MD	10/12/11	12:00 noon
Tulane University	LA	10/12/11	12:15 pm
Texas State University–San Marcos	TX	10/12/11	12:30 pm
Amherst College	MA	10/12/11	1:00 pm
University of Portland	OR	10/12/11	1:00 pm
Saint Mary's College of California	CA	10/12/11	12:30 pm
Barnard College	NY	10/12/11	1:30 pm
University of Puget Sound	WA	10/12/11	1:30 pm
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign	IL	10/12/11	2:00 pm
Oberlin College	OH	10/12/11	2:00 pm
Ithaca College	NY	10/13/11	8:30 am
Lafayette College	PA	10/13/11	8:30 am
Vassar College	NY	10/13/11	8:30 am
Western New England University	MA	10/13/11	8:45 am
Earlham College	IN	10/13/11	9:15 am
University of Wisconsin, Madison	WI	10/13/11	9:15 am
Grinnell College	IA	10/13/11	9:30 am
Whitman College	WA	10/13/11	9:30 am
University of Mary Washington	VA	10/13/11	9:45 am
Juniata College	PA	10/13/11	11:00 am
Seattle University	WA	10/13/11	11:00 am
University of Montana, Missoula	MT	10/13/11	11:30 am
Northeastern University	MA	10/13/11	11:30 am
Carnegie Mellon University	PA	10/13/11	12:00 noon
University of California at Santa Barbara	CA	10/13/11	1:00 pm
Goucher College	MD	10/13/11	1:00 pm
Bucknell University	PA	10/17/11	10:45 am
University of California at Davis	CA	10/17/11	1:30 pm
University of Southern California	CA	10/18/11	8:30 am
University of Kansas	KS	10/18/11	9:00 am
Case Western Reserve University	OH	10/18/11	10:00 am
The University of the Arts in Philadelphia	PA	10/18/11	12:00 noon
Montana State University, Bozeman	MT	10/20/11	9:30 am
University of New Hampshire	NH	10/26/11	9:00 am
Lewis & Clark College	OR	10/31/11	10:30 am
Fort Lewis College (Application Day)	CO	11/15/11	9:00 am

A Note From the Treasurer

Class fees are posted on the fees tab in Infinite Campus. Fees can be paid in the Treasurer's office by either check or cash. No online payments or credit card payments are available at this time. Fee payments can be made with one check for all class fees and one check for multiple students.

If you have any questions, please call *Ricki Hetherington* at 720.561.5302.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT

AP Celebrations

Ten BHS teachers attended a four-day, intensive AP Institute this summer, and *Adair Taylor* attended a conference on Rhetoric at CU. The teachers are excited to be applying what they learned in their AP courses.

This school year BHS added AP Art History and is exploring adding AP Studio Art for the fall of 2012.

APPA – Advanced Placement Parents Association

APPA is an association for parents of students who are taking or who are planning to take Advanced Placement (AP) classes.

Boulder High is an Advanced Placement (AP) focus school offering more than 30 college-level classes for students wishing to challenge themselves in their areas of interest. Taking at least one AP class during high school has these benefits:

- Gaining experience managing a demanding class in the more supportive high school environment
- Learning about a topic in greater depth
- Demonstrating to colleges an ability to handle college-level coursework and a willingness to take on challenging work
- Having the opportunity to obtain college credit while in high school

If your child is interested in AP classes or currently taking AP classes, we need your help to keep the program running smoothly. There are various ways in which you can volunteer your time:

- Showcase Night during open enrollment period (December 1st at 6 pm)
- Incoming freshman Course Selection Night (February 7th at 6 pm)
- Fundraising for AP teacher training and other costs associated with the program (ongoing)
- Clerical assistance during AP testing period (first two weeks of May)
- Proctoring assistance during AP testing period (first two weeks of May)
- Serve as a parent representative to AP teacher meetings (several times a year)

We welcome our new AP Test Coordinator, *Marianne Chavez*. Marianne, a recently retired BHS World Languages teacher, is familiar with the school, the district, and the importance of the AP program to BHS.

Please contact our Volunteer Coordinator, *Michelle Carpenter* (michelle.carpenter@bvsd.org), if you have any questions or would like to volunteer. Thank you in advance for your support!



Next PAC Meeting

Tuesday, September 27, 6 pm

The BHS Parent Advisory Council is off to a great start. We have shortened monthly meetings to a guaranteed 90 minutes or less, are setting PAC's goals and budget for the year, have facilitated the donation of three microwaves for student lunches, and organized a parent potluck.

543 parents volunteered! Parents, thank you so much for completing the parent volunteer signup forms during registration in August. We had 543 parents offer to contribute their time and resources to BHS. We will be contacting you.

New microwaves for cafeteria. PAC and BHS parent *Forrest Hoffmaster*, who works for Whole Foods, has arranged for three local Whole Foods stores to donate three commercial-grade microwaves to Boulder High School for student use in the cafeteria area. Please thank Forrest and Whole Foods. This is a wonderful high-impact donation.

BHS parent potluck a big success. PAC sponsored a parent potluck on August 24 that drew more than 100 parents. This was a great opportunity for parents to trade experiences and advice and was enjoyed by all. PAC conducted a brief survey of the parents there and is using the survey results to generate possible PAC goals and to provide feedback to BHS.

Please come to the next PAC meeting, September 27 in the BHS library. Go through the main door of the library and keep turning right — we're in the back room. We now meet 6 pm–7:30 pm, with a hard cutoff at 7:30 since we want to make good use of busy parents' time. Sept. 27 we will discuss PAC's goals for the year and set the budget. We'd love your input.

PAC goals for 2011. Possible PAC priorities for 2011–2012 include working with BHS on communication with parents, building improvements, parking, better classes for mid-level students, improving boys' reading skills, and more support for teachers. Come to the September PAC meeting and share your thoughts on PAC's goals.

If you have any questions about PAC or want to get involved, please email us at: chairs@bhspac.org

Marcella Setter and India Wood
PAC Co-Chairs
www.bhspacfs.org

All Cultures Day

Friday, October 7, 8 am–2 pm
In the school cafeteria

The entire World Languages Department sponsors this event, which serves to expose BHS students to the cultures of the countries whose languages we teach, and to raise money for the department.

The day will include music, dancing, and food, which foreign language students provide. The food and drink will be sold at a nominal price to afford everyone the opportunity to experience a wide variety of foreign food. The money that is realized by the fair will be used to purchase materials for foreign language classrooms and clubs.

CHOIR

Concert Choir Festival! has been moved to Wednesday, October 12th, 9am–noon. Choir students will miss only Period 2 on that day. This festival involves only Concert Choir and is a festival which hosts all the choirs from each high school in Boulder Valley. This is sure to be a great time!

Parent-Teacher Conferences:

Susan Kullman's schedule for the October Parent-Teacher Conferences is as follows:

- 4–6 pm on Thursdays, October 6 and 13
- 5:30–7:30 pm on Tuesday, October 11

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC



IMPA has secured funding through a generous donation to start a **Guitar Club**. Please watch for details in the next few weeks and plan to participate. This club is open to everyone so please pass this news along to those who may not currently be in the music program. If you have a guitar or any instrument that you are not using, please consider donating it to BHS.

Mid-October is the kick off for the **Wreath and Poinsettias** sale. Music students earn 40 percent of their sales to put in the personal student account to use for anything music related—trips, instruments, tutoring, repairs. It's a tradition; people love these holiday elements and will be buying them anyway.

Thanks to all who have sent in their **donations** to IMPA. We are on track with our fundraising but count on every family to contribute what they can to make our program a success. Did you know that we rely on donations for almost 100 percent of our needs beyond our teaching staff? Your donation allows us to buy music, purchase and repair instruments,

print programs, help with trips and concert costs, provide clinicians to help with specific instruments, run a scholarship program for students to assist them with lessons and trips! If you have not yet sent in your donation, please fill out the donation form that can be found on the IMPA website and send it to:

Cathy Faughnan, IMPA Chair
421 Indian Peaks Trail West
Lafayette, CO 80026

Or drop it in the BHS office.

Please visit the **IMPA website** www.impa-bhs.org for important information and downloads. You can find the 2011–2012 Music Calendar, donation and volunteer forms and scholarship applications on the site!

Our next **IMPA meeting** is set for Tuesday, October 18 in the Band Room or maybe Library at 7 pm. Please plan to join us at this fun and informative meeting. This is the perfect opportunity to connect with other families at Boulder High while supporting our amazing music program.

We still have many **opportunities** for you to participate in IMPA. These range from helping at concerts and football and basketball concessions to more long term commitments—there is something for everyone. If you are interested, please contact *Julie Ascarrunz* at boulderimpavolunteers@gmail.com, and she will connect you with the perfect volunteer position.

Do You Know What Keeps Your Child Up Nights?

Join Us for Reality Check @BHS
Wednesday, October 19, 6:30–8:30 pm
In the Band Room

Reality Check@BHS is the new series of parent education evenings sponsored by the Parent Advisory Council (PAC). In the second of a two-part series, a panel of Boulder High staff and community experts will discuss risky behaviors and how staff and families can work together to support students in making positive, healthy choices and safe decisions. Come hear advice on how you can support your teen.

Spanish translation will be provided.

To request sign language translation, please contact Laurie Goodman at laurie.goodman@bvsd.org

October 19 Topics: Drug & Alcohol Use, Medical Marijuana, Anxiety & Depression, Eating Disorders

Moderated by: Principal Kevin Braney; panelists include BHS Interventionist, BHS School Psychologist, BHS Counselor, BHS School Resource Officer, City of Boulder Deputy District Attorney, BVSD Discipline Coordinator

STUDENT COUNCIL

Student Council completed a very successful Homecoming Week with a huge attendance at the "Cirque de Boulder" Homecoming Dance on September 17.

This month Student Council is finalizing plans for their annual food drive to be held in November.

On October 21–22, ten members of Boulder High's Student Council will attend the CHSAA Leadership Conference at Fossil Ridge High School in Fort Collins. (CHSAA stands for Colorado High School Activities Association.) There they will network with other student councils from around the state, and they will hone their leadership skills. Boulder High juniors *Tate Moore* and *Mary Cait Milliff* from BHS Student Council were elected to be Leadership State Representatives for CHSAA and will present small group workshops at the conference in Fort Collins. We are so proud of them!



Hanging photos at BHS from left to right:
Kate Glynn, Ethan Rosen, Kaia Mann, Ariel Amaru, Maura Gillespie, Spencer Crain

PANTHER CLUB

The Panther Athletic Booster Club is a nonprofit organization that supports all BHS athletics. 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 an individual team's fundraising efforts.



Panther Club Meeting

Mon., October 10
BHS Library
6 pm

HELP WANTED

Two business-minded, avid Panther sports fans
Training provided!

We need two individuals to fill the Membership Co-Chair positions starting in January. These are key positions, as without staffing this function we will be unable to raise the dollars in the coming year that our sports teams have come to depend on. With two individuals sharing the function, the time commitment is very manageable.

Also needed are a Vice President and Spirit Sales Co-Chair. Contact *Thom McCarthy* at 303.443.1951 for more information.

Panther Club memberships are our primary means of generating funding. Members receive a Panther Club Card with discounts to 15 local businesses. Visit our website at www.boulderpantherclub.com and download a membership brochure or join online. Stop by our Panther Club tent at home football games, and check out our awesome BHS merchandise. **Go Panthers!**

THEATRE

The Theatre department is looking forward to a fantastic season this year! We will be kicking it off with the famous **Boulder High Haunted House** which will run from **October 27 through Halloween night**.

But don't worry! If spooky isn't your style, the musical **Xanadu** will run **November 4, 5, 10, 11 and 12**. Come check it out for a spectacular, family-friendly evening of roller disco, Greek gods, and epic romance!

Having two shows in production at the same time means we need a lot of help! If you have any old carpentry skills you'd like to dust off, then you should come on down and help us out with set construction. We will also need help with publicity and selling tickets / concessions for both shows. And we have a new Theater Wish List. We need lots of different sizes of roller skates for the Xanadu cast; any working sewing machines you don't use anymore, and any large tool boxes (preferably with drawers) that are sitting empty.

If you are a parent, older sibling, aunt, uncle, etc and want to donate or volunteer, please email *Chris Sweeney* at chris.sweeney@bvsd.org. (We promise to shower you with appreciation!)

MAKE A DIFFERENCE WISH LIST

You really can Make A Difference to the Boulder High community!

Each semester Boulder High School teachers and staff submit to the Make A Difference coordinator and Mr. Braney a "Wish List" of educational materials, scholarships, and programs that require additional funding beyond what is provided by the District. In late September and early February, all Boulder High School families are mailed a Make A Difference letter and a copy of the teacher and staff "Wish List" for that semester. Make A Difference is the BHS community's opportunity to make a direct contribution to a specific teacher or program that will enrich the quality of education for all BHS students!

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

100% of your donation will directly benefit both students and teachers at Boulder High School! These funds are raised under the auspices of the Boulder High School Parent Advisory Council (a 501c3 organization) and your donation is tax deductible.

We recognize that this is a challenging time for families as well as for BHS. We normally receive about \$40,000 in requests each semester and will need support from as many BHS families as possible in order to fund this fall's requested items and programs. No donation is too small as donations will be combined toward the purchase of "Wish List" requests. Watch for your Make A Difference envelope later this month and please consider a gift to enhance the educational experience of all our students!

MODEL UNITED NATIONS

Ranked as Possibly "Best in U.S. Southwest"

A former BHS Model United Nations team officer, now on the CU MUN team, sent us an article ranking high school MUN teams: <http://bestdelegate.com/high-school-preseason-rankings>. The article states,

"We didn't place Boulder High School (Colorado) in a league since none of them would accurately represent their region, but the school might be the best team out in the Southwest" (CO, NM, AZ, UT).

This probably reflected BHS earning the Cornell University MUN Conference's "**Outstanding Delegation**" for schools with fewer than 25 delegates in March 2011. A South African "all-star" team earned "Best Delegation". The Dalton School of New York, ranked #2 in the country, was the top large school delegation at Cornell.

Co-sponsor *Richard Trinkner* comments, "BHS MUN has done well enough over the years to be called the 'Best in the Southwest.'" I'm not sure if ranking MUN teams is really a valuable activity, but it's nice to see that we've received some notice!"

Mr. Trinkner and co-sponsor *Andy Aiken* continue to focus on encouraging BHS MUN delegates to search for solutions to real-world problems in a collaborative, diplomatic, and realistic manner. The BHS team participates in five Model UN conferences in Colorado this year and at the North American Invitational MUN sponsored by Georgetown University in Washington, D.C.

Model UN meets every Tuesday, A or B lunch in room 2206.

General Information

This fall's election will be an all-mail-ballot election.

Ballots will be mailed to active registered voters in mid-October. If you are registered but considered an inactive voter, you may request a ballot from the County Clerk and Recorder by calling 303.413.7740 or by responding to the postcard mailed to all inactive voters.

Ballots must be received by the County Clerk's office by November 1 at 7pm in order to be counted.

School Board Candidates Forum

Presented by the
BVSD District Parent Council

October 19
6:30–8:30 pm
BVSD Education Center
6500 Arapahoe, Boulder

All are welcome!

BVSD School Board

There are seven BVSD school board members. Four of the seven members will be elected this year. If you are registered to vote in the Boulder Valley School District, you may vote in all four races.

Below are the candidates as they are listed on the Boulder County Clerk and Recorder's website.

Director District A (4 Years)

- *Shelly Benford*

Director District C (4 Years)

- *Laurie Albright*
- *Leisha L. Connors Bauer*

Director District D (4 Years)

- *Sam Fuqua*
- *Mónica Olguín*

Director District G (4 Years)

- *James Reed*

Proposition 103

In August the BVSD School Board approved a resolution supporting Initiative 25 which will appear on the ballot as Proposition 103. The text is listed below. Prop 103 proposes a five-year increase in state income and sales tax rates, back to their 1998 levels, in order to raise money for public education (preschool through 12th grade and college and vocational schools).

Proposition 103 (statutory)

Shall state taxes be increased \$536.1 million annually in the first full fiscal year and by such amounts as are raised annually thereafter by amendments to the Colorado Revised Statutes concerning a temporary increase in certain state taxes for additional public education funding, and, in connection therewith, increasing the rate of the state income tax imposed on all taxpayers from 4.63% to 5% for the 2012 through 2016 income tax years; increasing the rate of the state sales and use tax from 2.9% to 3% for a period of five years commencing on January 1, 2012; requiring that the additional revenues resulting from these increased tax rates be spent only to fund public education from preschool through twelfth grade and public postsecondary education; specifying that the appropriation of the additional tax revenues be in addition to and not substituted for moneys otherwise appropriated for public education from preschool through twelfth grade and public postsecondary education for the 2011–12 fiscal year; and allowing the additional tax revenues to be collected, kept, and spent notwithstanding any limitations provided by law?

Yes

No

BHS 2011 HOLIDAY WREATH ORDER FORM

The **BHS Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA)** club is once again coordinating this year's **Holiday Wreath Sale** for all those school organizations who choose to participate.

Please mail your completed order form, along with your check, payable to **Boulder High School** to:

Howard Tuttle
 Boulder High School
 1604 Arapahoe Avenue
 Boulder, CO, 80302

— **Deadline for all orders is Monday, November 1, 2011** —

	Wreath Description	Cost	Quantity	Total
1	Door Swag—Evergreen decorated with 4 cones & red bow.	\$20		
2	12" Natural Wreath decorated with 7 cones, no bow. (Finished 21")	\$22		
3	12" Natural Wreath decorated with 5 cones & red bow. (Finished 21") [Most Popular]	\$23		
4	16" Natural Wreath decorated with 6 cones & red bow. (Finished 28")	\$30		
5	20" Natural Wreath decorated with 7 cones & red bow. (Finished 36")	\$37		
6	30" Natural Wreath decorated with 9 cones & red bow. (Finished 48")	\$75		
7	12" Gift Boxed Natural Wreath with 7 cones, cedar, & velvet bow.	\$32		
8	12" Gift Boxed Flocked Wreath with 7 cones, cedar, & velvet bow.	\$36		
9	Evergreen Roping: available in lengths of 3, 5, 10, or 15 yards only.	\$8 per yd.	_____ yds.	

PLEASE PAY IN FULL WHEN ORDERING: **Cash** **Check**

Make checks payable to **Boulder High School**.

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

Do you have a preference for which organization is credited with the sale?

No **Yes** If so, which one? _____

PLEASE SAVE THIS INFORMATION FOR YOUR RECORDS

Wreaths will be available for pickup beginning **Tuesday, November 29**, at Boulder High School. The specific location will be determined by each group participating. For more information, you may contact the group you are supporting with your purchase, or contact *Howard Tuttle* at howard.tuttle@bvsd.org or 720.561.2313.

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)

REALITY CHECK @BHS

Parents:
Do you know
what keeps your
child up nights?

What's the skinny on sexting?
Cyber-bullying? Eating disorders?

Do kids have to drink to be cool?
What about drugs?

Every student at Boulder High is at risk for engaging in unhealthy behavior.
Every parent needs to know what to do about it.

Join us for Reality Check @BHS.

In two evening sessions, a panel of Boulder High and community experts discuss risky behaviors and how school staff and family can work together to support students in making positive, healthy choices and safe decisions.

Moderated by Principal Kevin Braney

Panelists include: BHS Interventionist, BHS School Psychologist, BHS Counselor, BHS School Resource Officer, City of Boulder Deputy District Attorney, BVSD Discipline Coordinator

Be a Parent Who Knows.

Wednesday, September 21, 2011

Topics: Bullying & Harassment, Sexting, Social Media, Cyber-Bullying, Bullying LGBT, Safe Sex

Wednesday, October 19, 2011

Topics: Drug & Alcohol Use, Medical Marijuana, Anxiety & Depression, Eating Disorders

6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Boulder High Band Room

Sponsored by Boulder High School Parent Advisory Council

VERIFICAR LA REALIDAD

@ BHS

Padres:

¿Usted sabe que no deja dormir a su hijo/a durante la noche?

¿Cuál es la verdad sobre: envío de mensajes con contenido sexual vía text, intimidación por medio del internet, desordenes alimenticios?

¿Los muchachos tienen que tomar alcohol para lucir bien o consumir drogas?

Cada estudiante de Boulder High está en riesgo de involucrarse en conductas no saludables.

Todos los padres necesitan saber que hacer al respecto.

Unase a nosotros para Verificar la Realidad@BHS

Durante dos secciones en la noche, un grupo de Boulder High y expertos de la comunidad analizarán las conductas de riesgo y como el personal de la escuela y familia pueden trabajar juntos para ayudar a los estudiantes en la toma de desiciones positivas, saludables y seguras.

Moderado por el Director Kevin Braney

Los panelistas incluyen: BHS Intervencionista de BHS, Sicólogo de la Escuela BHS, Consejero de BHS, Oficial de Recursos de la Escuela BHS, Abogado Fiscal del Distrito de la Ciudad de Boulder, Coordinador de Disciplina de BVSD

Sea un Padre Que Sabe.

Miércoles, Septiembre 21, 2011

Temas: Intimidación y Acoso, Envío De Mensajes Con Contenido Sexual Via Text, Medios de Comunicación Social, Intimidación Por Medio Del Internet, Intimidación a LGBT(homosexuales), Sexo Seguro

Miércoles, Octubre 19, 2011

Temas: Uso de Drogas y Alcohol, Marihuana, Ansiedad y Depresion, Desordenes Alimenticios

6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Boulder High Band Room (Salón de Banda)

Patrocinado por el Consejo Asesor de la Escuela Boulder High

RIDE ON!

OCTOBER RTD BUS PASSES AND 10-TICKET RIDE BOOKLETS will be on sale in the Treasurer's Office during both lunch periods on Sept. 30 and Oct. 3 & 4.

NOVEMBER passes and booklets will be sold on Oct. 31 and Nov. 1 & 2.

Monthly passes are \$39.50, and checks should be made out to BVSD. Ten-Ticket Ride booklets are \$10.00 (when available), and checks should be made out to BOULDER HIGH SCHOOL.

CALENDAR

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

OCTOBER

- 3 NCAA Informational Night, 6 pm, BHS library
- 6 Parent-Teacher Conferences—Q–Z, 4–7:30 pm
- 7 All Cultures Day
- 11 Parent-Teacher Conferences—A–G, 4–7:30 pm
- 12 Out-of-State College Fair, 7 pm, Monarch HS
- 13 Parent-Teacher Conferences—H–P, 4–7:30 pm
PSAT registration deadline (sophomores & juniors)
- 14 **NO SCHOOL — Teacher Work Day**
- 15 PSAT @ BHS, 8 am – noon
- 19 PAC Reality Check–Part 2, 6:30 pm, Band Room
DPC School Board Candidates Forum, 6:30 pm Ed Center
- 21 *Odaroloc* Senior Tribute photos deadline
- 26 PAC Meeting, 6 pm, BHS library
- 27–31 Haunted House, 6–10 pm
Note slight date change from September *HighLights*

NOVEMBER

- 1 Election Day (all-mail-ballot election)
- 4, 5 *Xanadu* musical performance
- 10–12
- 11 **NO SCHOOL — Veterans Day**
- 14 College Financial Aid Night, 7 pm, cafeteria
- 17 Winter Sports Information Night, 6 pm
- 21–25 **NO SCHOOL — Thanksgiving Break**
- 30 PAC Meeting, 6 pm, BHS library



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