

Boulder HighLights



Boulder High Parents' Newsletter September 2010 • No. 1

FROM KEVIN BRANEY, PRINCIPAL

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

Welcome to the start of the 2010–2011 school year!

These past few weeks have been busy for all of us as we get back into the routine and pace of school. I enjoy this monthly communication opportunity that Highlights provides. I hope you find it useful and informative. I will begin by sharing with you a few important items:

First, a big PANTHER WELCOME to the class of 2014 and their families. I am so pleased that you are joining the Boulder High community, and I look forward to partnering with you on the journey called high school. Please let me or one of my administrative team know if we can be of assistance as you settle in to your new high school home. I want to send a special thank you to the junior and senior Panther Pride Leaders who worked so hard to prepare an outstanding orientation for our new students. **Thank you for all that you do!**

Switching gears, I want to address the school budget and class sizes. **Our enrollment has increased substantially.** While it will take a few weeks for things to settle, current projections have us at or above 1,840 students. This is good news long-term for our school but, as you can imagine, the increased enrollment compounded with the budget reductions presents some pressing challenges in terms of class size. Fortunately we were granted some relief with additional federal dollars we received during the first full week of school. I want to thank our students (and parents) for their support and patience as we added 20 semester-sections (about two full-time teachers) to the schedule. I realize and appreciate that this required many students to be flexible to accommodate our efforts to lower class size. As the year unfolds I will continue to bring you updates regarding bud-

get planning and reductions and thank you, again, in advance, for your support.

An outgrowth of the budget reduction process is work I initiated to establish the first steps towards forming a strategic plan for our school. The staff and many of you visited with me on numerous occasions regarding your hopes and dreams for what Boulder High School can do to improve our academic program and the quality of the overall high school experience: what do we do well, what we need to do differently, as well as clarifying our goals and objectives. The outcome of these conversations is the articulation of the following goals that provide a clear focus and a destination toward which the entire staff can work:

- All staff work to ensure the academic success of all students without exception or compromise.
- Build a culture of inspiration and compassion so that each BHS adult and student can thrive and attain their fullest potential.
- Engage students in a relevant curriculum with an emphasis on mastering 21st-century workplace and life-skills of adaptability, initiative, social and cross-cultural skills, productivity and accountability, and leadership.

During future PAC meetings I will report in detail the steps we are taking to make progress in these areas and to define these goals and their origin and meaning for our work at school. To be successful, we also need to continue to build a strong partnership with parents. I am excited about this opportunity and focus. I am proud of efforts we are making as a team to begin this process, and I am looking forward to continued conversation, reflection, and action.

Here are a couple of calendar items to note:

- **The Boulder/Fairview football game will be played on Friday, Oct 22 @ 5:30**, NOT Saturday, Oct. 23 (plans were changed after the planners were printed). We will be letting students know through Panther TV, flyers, etc.
- We don't have specific dates yet, but I want you to be aware that our CSAP testing window is February 28 – March 18, 2011. The state continues to use our CSAP results to measure the "excellence" of our school. It is important that students plan on being present during this timeframe. I will be speaking to you more about CSAP after the first of the year.

We have changed our bell schedule this year to minimize the overall impact on instruction due to shortened classes. Tutor Activity Period (TAP), Freshman Seminar, and school assemblies will now all be held on Wednesdays. With only one or two exceptions, class times for Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday will be the full 55 minutes. This will provide a continuity of instruction that will benefit both students and staff.

Over 400 students have registered for our fall athletic teams. I am excited and look forward to the start of the season for all of our athletic teams and club sports.

Go Panthers!

I invite you to get involved with Boulder High this year. I truly believe everybody benefits when community and school work together to provide the best educational opportunities for our students. To learn about the variety of opportunities for parents to become involved, please contact our Parent Advisory Committee (PAC), our Latino Parent Advisory Committee (LPAC), or our School Accountability Team (SAC).

I look forward to seeing you on campus in the coming weeks, and as always, stay in touch. If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at any time.

Thanks,

Kevin Braney

STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

Student Council started out the 2010–2011 school year with a bang, by going on our summer retreat. We set our goals for the year and started to plan the homecoming dance. Homecoming week this year is September 27–October 1. The theme of the dance is Parisian and will be held on Saturday, October 2. Tickets go on sale September 13! Please buy tickets early as they are less expensive the earlier you buy them. The first week (Sept. 13–17) they are \$10 each, the second week (Sept. 20–24) \$15, the week before the dance (Sept. 27–Oct. 1) \$20, and at the door they are \$25.

Student Council is also hosting a program called Rachel's Challenge, which is an organization started by Rachel Scott's parents. Rachel was the first child to be killed at Columbine. In Rachel's words, she believed that "compassion can be spread through chain reactions" and that is part of the organization's mission statement. Rachel's Challenge is coming on September 15, and an all school assembly will be held. A volunteer training will follow in the afternoon and a parent session will be held that night.

Finally, Student Council would like to wish everyone good luck on the start of the year! We hope you're looking forward to it as much as we are!

DO WE HAVE YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS?

For the most effective communication, it is important that we have an email address on file for parents. This will enable us to relate important information quickly, as well as save money in the long run on paper and printing expenses.

To have your address added to our email distribution, please send an email to:

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Welcome!

We're looking forward to a great school year and are here to help and support students and parents. We provide a variety of services and activities designed to assist students in educational planning, with support for personal concerns as well.

Students are assigned to counselors alphabetically by last name. Please contact your student's counselor if you have questions or need assistance.

Seeing Your Counselor

Parents and students can meet with a counselor two ways: by appointment or during counselor "on call" times. When students want to see a counselor, they can schedule an appointment through the Counseling Secretary (during a free period or after school); students will not be called out of class for an appointment.

One of the counselors will be "on call" daily from 9:00 – 11:30 am and from 1:00–2:00 pm to answer general questions or to address immediate needs of students and parents. The counselor "on call" is available on a walk-in basis; no appointment is needed.

Thank You!

A big thank you to all the parents who volunteered during registration in early August and at late registration on the first day of school!

2010–11 ACT / SAT / PSAT / AP Test Dates & Registration Deadlines

ACT		SAT	PSAT	AP
Test Date	Regular Reg.	Test Dates	Test Date	Test Dates
Oct. 23	Sept. 17	Oct. 9	Oct. 16, 8 am–12 pm	May 2–13, 2011
Dec. 11	Nov. 5	Nov. 6		
Feb. 12	Jan. 7	Dec. 4		
Apr. 9	Mar. 4	Jan. 22		
Jun. 11	May 6	Mar. 12		
		May 7		
		Jun. 4		
Register online at www.act.org		Check www.collegeboard.com for registration dates	Test fee and registration info TBA	Schedule will be on the Counseling website
Note: For testing and college applications, the code for Boulder High School is 060–115.				

Important Dates for the 2010–2011 School Year

September–October

SENIOR GRADUATION CREDIT CHECK

Seniors must sign up to meet with their counselor for a review of their graduation requirements. We will accept your application for your diploma and records release form and review your transcript. This graduation credit check must be completed before your college applications are mailed/submitted. This review should be completed by December 3. If you need assistance on college planning, please make a separate, additional appointment.

September 23, 7:00 pm CU Events Center

COLORADO COLLEGE NIGHT

The counselors urge all juniors and seniors and their parents to attend the district-wide college night. This is also a good time for freshmen and sophomores to begin the college search process. Students and parents will have the opportunity to visit with counselors from over 40 Colorado post-secondary schools and learn about entrance requirements, financial aid, majors, housing, and campus visits.

September 27–October 8

PSAT REGISTRATION (for Oct 16 PSAT)

in front of the Auditorium during both lunches A & B

Sophomores and Juniors – be sure to register to take the PSAT. The Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT) will be held at BHS on Saturday, October 16. This test is offered by the College Board only once a year. College-bound juniors and sophomores are encouraged to take this test. For juniors, this is the National Merit qualifying test.

September–November

COLLEGE VISITS AT BOULDER HIGH SCHOOL

Many college reps visit our campus to meet with students and discuss their college programs, scholarships, and more. This is an excellent way for students to begin to get an idea about which colleges are of interest to them. Sign-ups are not necessary. Class absences for college visits need to be excused by the parent. Be sure to mention that the absence was due to a college visit, and it will not count in the absence tally.

October 1

EARLY ACTION/EARLY DECISION DEADLINE

Seniors with applications for EA/ED must have their applications to their counselors by October 1. See your counselor for details.

October 6, 7:00 pm Monarch High School

OUT-OF-STATE COLLEGE FAIR

Take advantage of this opportunity to meet U.S. and international college reps. Learn about entrance requirements, housing, financial aid, and student activities.

October 12, 3:30 – 7:00 pm

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES – LAST NAMES: H–P

October 13, 3:30 – 7:00 pm

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES – LAST NAMES: Q–Z

October 19, 3:30 – 7:00 pm

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES – LAST NAMES: A–G

October 16, Boulder High School

PSAT

November 5

COMPETITIVE PRIVATE COLLEGE APPLICATION DEADLINE

Seniors applying to private colleges and universities: If your application deadline is Jan 1–10, have the counselor's part of the application to your counselor by November 5; if your application deadline is Jan. 13–Feb. 1, have the counselor's part in by Dec. 3. This allows the counselor time to write a recommendation or attach a transcript before winter break.

November 15, 7:00 pm, BHS Cafeteria

FINANCIAL AID NIGHT

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.

COUNSELORS' CORNER

Important Dates for the 2010–2011 School Year

December 1, 6:00 pm, BHS Auditorium
BHS SHOWCASE

Potential students and parents are invited to join us for a short gathering in the auditorium for an overview of BHS from administrators, teachers, students, and parents. You will tour BHS and visit classrooms for a more personal discussion with teachers, parents, and link leaders. There will be a reception in the cafeteria.

December 14–17
FINALS

Tues., 12/14	Periods 1, 5
Wed., 12/15	Periods 2, 6
Thurs., 12/16	Periods 3, 7
Fri., 12/17	Period 4 & make-ups (Must be arranged ahead of time.)

February 8, BHS Auditorium
8th GRADE COURSE SELECTION NIGHT

Details will be forthcoming, but incoming 9th grade parents and students should plan on attending this important informative evening. Counselors and teachers will make short presentations, distribute materials, and be available to answer questions.

March 8, 3:30 – 7:00 pm
PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES – LAST NAMES: A–K

March 10, 3:30 – 7:00 pm
PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES – LAST NAMES: L–Z

April 27, Boulder High Classrooms
ACT FOR JUNIORS

State law requires all juniors to take the ACT test. There is no charge to the student and no pre-registration is required. Juniors may want to see how they perform on the April 27 test before paying to take the test on another date.

Note: The results of the ACT administered at BHS are accepted by the NCAA and most colleges and universities except for military academies.

Late April
AP DIPLOMA APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

Seniors who qualify for an AP Diploma need to complete and return the AP Diploma Application (available in the counseling office) to Claire Sandford. Deadline date to be announced.

May 2–13
AP TESTING

See Testing on the Counseling website for a detailed AP test schedule.

May 17–19
SENIOR FINALS

(All finals take place during regular class times.)

Tues., 5/17	Periods 2, 5, 7
Wed., 5/18	Periods 3, 6
Thurs., 5/19	Periods 1, 4

May 19, 7:00 pm, BHS Auditorium
AWARDS CEREMONY

May 21
GRADUATION

May 23–26
FINALS

Mon., 5/23	Periods 1, 5
Tues., 5/24	Periods 2, 6
Wed., 5/25	Periods 3, 7
Thurs., 5/26	Period 4 & make-ups (Must be arranged ahead of time.)

COLLEGE VISITS

COLLEGE / UNIVERSITY	STATE	DATE	TIME
University of Colorado at Denver	CO	9/07/10	11:00 am
Franklin College	Switzerland	9/08/10	10:30 am
University of Notre Dame	IN	9/13/10	10:00 am
Reed College	OR	9/15/10	1:00 pm
Haverford College	PA	9/20/10	8:30 am
Northwestern University	IL	9/21/10	8:30 am
Boston College	MA	9/22/10	12:00 pm
Tufts University	MA	9/23/10	10:30 am
Smith College	MA	9/24/10	2:00 pm
Baylor University	TX	9/29/10	1:15 pm
Whittier College	CA	9/30/10	11:00 am
Waynesburg University	PA	9/30/10	1:30 pm
University of British Columbia	Canada	10/04/10	9:00 am
Bucknell University	PA	10/05/10	9:00 am
Union College	NY	10/05/10	9:00 am
Hamilton College	NY	10/05/10	9:30 am
Clark University	MA	10/05/10	10:00 am
Cornell College	IA	10/05/10	10:00 am
Lafayette College	PA	10/05/10	10:30 am
High Point University	NC	10/05/10	11:00 am
St. Catherine University – St. Paul	MN	10/05/10	12:30 pm
University of Denver	CO	10/05/10	1:00 pm
Kenyon College	OH	10/05/10	1:00 pm
Wheaton College	MA	10/05/10	1:00 pm
Colgate University	NY	10/06/10	8:30 am
Georgia Institute of Technology	GA	10/06/10	8:30 am
Swarthmore College	PA	10/06/10	8:30 am
Illinois Wesleyan University	IL	10/06/10	9:00 am
Ithaca College	NY	10/06/10	9:00 am
Mount Holyoke College	MA	10/06/10	9:00 am
Elon University	NC	10/06/10	9:30 am
Lawrence University	WI	10/06/10	9:30 am
Scripps College	CA	10/06/10	9:30 am
University of Rochester	NY	10/06/10	9:30 am
University of Arizona	AR	10/06/10	10:00 am
University of Chicago	IL	10/06/10	10:00 am
The George Washington University	DC	10/06/10	10:00 am
Western New England College	MA	10/06/10	10:00 am
Pitzer College	CA	10/06/10	10:15 am

COLLEGE VISITS

COLLEGE / UNIVERSITY	STATE	DATE	TIME
American University	DC	10/06/10	10:30 am
Champlain College	VT	10/06/10	10:30 am
Colby College	ME	10/06/10	10:30 am
Saint Mary's College of California	CA	10/06/10	10:30 am
Rollins College	FL	10/06/10	11:00 am
The College of Wooster	OH	10/06/10	11:00 am
University of Vermont	VT	10/06/10	11:00 am
Skidmore College	NY	10/06/10	11:30 am
University of Portland	OR	10/06/10	12:15 pm
Boston University	MA	10/06/10	12:30 pm
Connecticut College	CT	10/06/10	12:45 pm
Rice University	TX	10/06/10	1:00 pm
Carnegie Mellon University	PA	10/06/10	1:30 pm
University of Puget Sound	WA	10/06/10	1:30 pm
Tulane University	LA	10/06/10	1:45 pm
Bradley University	IL	10/06/10	2:00 pm
Providence College	RI	10/06/10	2:00 pm
Sweet Briar College	VA	10/06/10	2:00 pm
Purdue University	IN	10/07/10	9:30 am
University of Calgary	Canada	10/07/10	9:30 am
Seattle University	WA	10/07/10	11:00 am
Vassar College	NY	10/07/10	12:00 pm
Boise State University	ID	10/08/10	11:00 am
Saint Michaels College	VT	10/08/10	11:30 am
Washington and Lee University	VA	10/08/10	12:00 pm
Washington University in St. Louis	MO	10/08/10	12:30 pm
Fort Lewis College	CO	10/12/10	1:00 pm
Trinity College	CT	10/15/10	10:30 am

Kudos to all the Volunteers at BHS Registration!

We would like to thank all of the volunteers for giving hundreds of hours of time in making this year's registration and late registration so successful! A special thanks to our class representatives—*Patty Ross, Jenn McCulloch, Ann Aschbacher, and Erin Shea-Bower*—for their assistance in coordinating a fabulous group of Boulder High parents.

Welcome From PAC, Your BHS Parent Organization!

On behalf of the BHS Parent Advisory Committee (PAC), we would like to welcome all BHS parents to the 2010–2011 school year! We hope it will be a wonderful year for you and your kids. For those of you new to BHS, PAC is the official BHS parent organization. We support the students, parents, and staff of our school in many important ways.

First, we serve as an “information clearinghouse” for the community through weekly E-news updates and the monthly *Highlights* newsletter. We also organize all the parent volunteers for school events such as the freshman and senior barbecues, Back-to-School night, BHS teacher/staff appreciation, and more. Finally, we do some fundraising to support these events and to help meet teacher needs that aren’t covered by our school budget.

PAC Meetings are held monthly at the BHS library from 7:00–9:00 pm. They are open to all parents, and we hope you’ll consider joining us! This year’s meetings are scheduled for the following Wednesday evenings.

PAC Meetings for 2010–11

August 25
September 15
October 20
November 10
December 8
January 12
February 9
April 13
May 11

On August 25, we’ll start at 6:00 pm with an hour-long presentation on steps you can take to support your student in preparing for college, whether your student is a freshman or a senior.

If you have any questions about PAC or want to get involved, please email us at:

chairs@bvsd.org

Lisa Green &
Martha Larson
PAC Co-Chairs

PANTHER CLUB



Panther Club Meeting

September 13
BHS Library
6 pm

The Panther Athletic Booster Club is a nonprofit organization that supports all BHS athletics. Our goal is to provide financial assistance to our athletic programs when their needs are not covered by the school district budget or by the individual teams’ fundraising efforts.

Panther Club buys durable items, such as ice machines and agility/strengthening equipment. We maintain and update the “Hall of Champions,” which highlights outstanding athletes. We honor teams with recognition ceremonies and also assist the athletic department in hosting College Information Night.

Membership fees are the single most important fundraising activity for Panther Club. A portion of these fees goes directly to the team of your choice. **This year members will receive our Panther Club Card, which provides discounts to 14 local businesses: Art Cleaners/Great Awakening, Berry Best Smoothie, Boulder Chill, Boulder Cycle Sport, Boulder Running Company, Clutter Consignment, Firehouse Subs, Modmarket, The Original Pancake House, Pekoe Sip House, Pita Pit, Plato’s Closet, Rueben’s Burger Bistro, and Tom’s Sportique Eyewear.**

Please help us ensure we can continue to support our student-athletes. Visit our website at www.boulderpantherclub.com and download a membership brochure. Stop by our Panther Club tent at Back to School Night and home football games, and check out our awesome BHS merchandise. **Go Panthers!**

IMPORTANT DATES

- Sept 3
Football game—concessions workers needed!
- Sept 16
Music Showcase—all bands, orchestras, jazz, and choirs
7:00 P.M. BHS Auditorium
- Sept 21
IMPA parents' meeting
7:00–8:00 P.M.
BHS Band Room
- Sept 24
Football game—concessions workers needed!
- Oct 1
Football game—concessions workers needed!
- Oct 8
Football game—concessions workers needed!
- Oct 22
Concerto Competition—BHS Auditorium
- Oct 22
Football game—concessions workers needed!

For more information or to volunteer, contact:

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Music Showcase — New Date!

All BHS families are encouraged to attend the annual "Music Showcase," a presentation of music from all elements of the BHS Music Department. Music Showcase will take place on:

Thursday, September 16 at 7:00 pm in the BHS auditorium

Come hear concert bands, orchestras, choirs, and jazz bands as we kick off the school year with a bang at this traditional event!

What is the Instrumental Music Parents Association (IMPA)?

IMPA, the BHS Instrumental Music Parents Association, is YOU! This is the organization for every parent of every student in instrumental music classes at Boulder High School.

IMPA is a vital part of your child's music education. IMPA conducts fundraising and provides volunteers to support BHS's instrumental music programs. IMPA is the source of almost all of the non-salary budget for music education at BHS. IMPA parents are in the background of every concert, performance tour, pizza dinner, competition, and event. Come to the IMPA Meeting September 21, 7:00 pm, in the BHS Band room! To receive email updates from IMPA send a request to boulderimpa@gmail.com to be added to our email list.

Student Music Accounts

Attention Parents: Your instrumental music student has a Student Music Account! All instrumental music students have the ability to earn money for their own student account from the day they start Boulder High School. This student account and the money they earn stay with them for all four years. Money earned by your student can go towards paying for private lessons, helping to fund their portion of music department trips, or even helping to pay costs for your student's instrument repair or cleaning.

There are many ways for your student to earn money for his or her student music account. One big way is to work football and basketball concessions (see details below). Other ways include upcoming fundraisers which you will be hearing more about in the next few months. For more information about student accounts and BHS music programs, come to the IMPA meeting on September 21 at 7:00pm in the BHS band room!

Football Concessions

IMPA is once again running concessions for the BHS football and basketball games. This is a significant source of funds for our programs. Student and parent volunteers are needed. Students earn \$25 per game for their music accounts. This is also a great way to get involved at BHS, support the instrumental music program, meet other parents, hear the pep band, and see part of the football games for free. The time commitment is from approximately 5:30–10:00 pm for football games on September 3, September 24, October 1, and October 8. The game against Fairview on October 22 begins at 5:30, so volunteers need to arrive by 4:30.

Volunteering at concessions is also a great way to make a contribution of your time to offset your financial contribution. For every 10 hours that you work, your financial contribution can be reduced by \$100.

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 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 our only school-wide fundraising appeal and is your 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!

GROCERY CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

The BHS Make-A-Difference Club (MADC) purchases grocery certificates (a.k.a. debit cards) in bulk from participating grocery stores at 5% to 7% less than their face value. You purchase the debit cards from MADC at their actual value using a check or cash. For each of the past two years we have made close to \$16,000. About \$11,500 of the profit was donated to the BHS Make-A-Wish program for educational materials, scholarships, and programs that require extra funding. The remainder of the profit went to the BHS program, organization, or sport that participating parents designated.

Good news for King Soopers shoppers! Buy a reloadable grocery certificate (gift card) from us at the beginning of the school year and then simply reload it at any King Soopers with your debit or credit card. No need to order new cards every month.

We have neighborhood parent sales representatives who will deliver your order to your door! Orders are placed once a month via email to your area representative. Within a few days your area rep will deliver the grocery certs (cards) to you and collect your money. It is easy to purchase on a regular basis, and each month's order may be changed as you wish. To sign up or for more information, please email me.

For those families living in the mountains, East Boulder County, or South Boulder, we can have you pick up your certs once a month from a neighborhood rep in Boulder.

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WE ALL BUY
GROCERIES!

HELP RAISE MONEY
FOR BOULDER HIGH!

IT COSTS
NOTHING
EXTRA!

These stores donate
5%–7% to BHS:
King Soopers
Lucky's Market
Safeway
Sunflower Market
Vitamin Cottage



After-Prom Committee Co-Chairs Needed!

On Friday, April 29, from 12:00 midnight to 5:00 am on April 30, the parents of Boulder, Fairview, and New Vista High School students will co-host After-Prom at the East Boulder Recreation Center. Over 1200 students will enjoy a community-sponsored, safe, and exciting alternative to all-night partying following Prom. The goal is to ensure that every teen has a fun, memorable experience and arrives home safely.

There is an immediate opening for a Boulder High Board Member. In addition, several Co-Chairpersons are also needed to help build this great event. NO EXPERIENCE REQUIRED! Our hope is to collaborate with fun-loving, goal-oriented, and interesting people in order to create an unforgettable and secure way for teens to celebrate during the early morning hours following prom.

To join this wonderful organization, contact *Dawn Brandt* at 303.917.6657 or brandt.dawn@yahoo.com.

ART

Art News

The Fine Arts Department is pleased to be working with our shared student teacher, *Mike Jaramillo*. Mike comes to us from Metro State with a strong background in the arts. Welcome Mike!

Once again, we will be offering Open Studios to students on Wednesdays after school starting September 1—see Ms. Schick, Mr. Blessing, or Ms. Villarreal for details.

Look for the art department to be doing some exciting things this year—from hosting numerous visiting artists, sponsoring the Portfolio 101 event, visiting shows in the community, to exploring new technology in the arts for our students to enhance their artistic expression.

A glimpse of what your art teachers make can be seen for the next two weeks in the main office. We will then give the space over to student *Alex Stark*, who will share with us some of the work he did over the summer. This gallery space will host student work throughout the school year—please enjoy!

In June, three Boulder High School teams created one-of-a-kind chalk art in the “Denver Chalk Art Challenge, on Larimer Square.” The Youth Challenge took place over two 90+ degree days. Over 14 BHS students worked on pieces from Allen Ginsberg and his lover to Ganesha, the Indian god. The pieces were fantastic and on par with the professional chalk “Madonnari.”

Janus Art Buying at the Cherry Creek Arts Festival

Pieces purchased for Boulder High School’s Permanent Collection

After receiving a grant, a group of ten students met and raised additional money to purchase fine art for Boulder High. Then in July, three students went with Ms. Schick to the Cherry Creek Arts Festival to select and buy art. They selected eight figurative works by two national artists:

- The Fobot, “Dr. Nobot,” by Raleigh, NC, artist *Amy Flynn*. Scouring basements, flea markets, scrap yards, and auctions for items, Amy builds one-of-a-kind sculptures.
- *Mark Traughber* from Pittsburg, PA created the collage/paintings. His works include iconic images that make us think about America’s ideals.

The work is currently on display in the art wing hallway. Thank you Janus!

PANTHER CREDIT UNION

The Financial Education Solution...

Everyone's heard the old adage, "People don't plan to fail, but fail to plan." Most adults claim that they may have been able to avoid various financial troubles if they had taken basic financial literacy courses in school. At Boulder High School, we offer a financial education curriculum that EXCEEDS the Colorado financial literacy standards, by supplementing excellent classroom education with "hands-on" learning via the Panther Student Credit Union.

The Panther Student Credit Union opened last year at Boulder High School and is sponsored by Boulder Valley Credit Union (BVCU). BVCU was founded by and for the district's employees in 1959 and now serves the students and their families as well. The student credit union provides a unique opportunity for students to start their own savings, enjoy FREE checking with a FREE debit card, and begin to establish and build credit in their own name.

It only takes a \$5 minimum deposit to start a savings account, and there are no associated fees. The first 50 students who open an account this year will receive up to \$20—a matched initial deposit up to \$15 and a \$5 Starbucks' gift card. The student branch is located in the cafeteria and is scheduled to open on Thursday, August 26.

This branch will be open during 5th period except for Wednesdays. Transactions can also be made at any BVCU location, Credit Union Service Center in Boulder, and over 4,000 locations nationwide. Credit union members can use over 28,000 ATMs nationwide, surcharge free, so students can continue using their account through college and beyond.

Every account is federally insured up to \$250,000 by the National Credit Union Administration, NCUA. Student employees have been professionally trained, and a BVCU branch manager oversees all transactions at the student branch, so you can be assured of safety and security.

Your students may already have a savings and/or a checking elsewhere. Not a problem! Students can have more than one account and the focus of the student credit union is on educating students on how to successfully manage their finances now and in the future.

We look forward to serving your students' financial needs and helping them learn good money management skills. Please visit the student branch website at www.bvcu.org/panthers, or contact us if you have any questions or would like more information at 303.415.3504.

BHS FBLA Students Earn National Recognition

On July 21, approximately 180 students from Colorado arrived in Nashville, Tennessee, along with 7,300 other students from across the country, to compete in the 2010 Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) Club National Competition. Among those students were two from Boulder High School. *Nick Quinlan* and *Tanner Ketellapper*, both graduating seniors, earned the privilege of competing at the FBLA National Competition by taking first place in the state of Colorado in their respective events, which were Business Presentation and Personal Finance. Although Nick did not place in the top ten nationally, Tanner did. Tanner had the prestigious distinction of placing third in the nation in the Personal Finance category. By doing so, Tanner became the first Boulder High School National FBLA top-ten finisher in over 20 years!

Of Colorado's 180 competitors, only 25 of them placed in the top ten, and the highest place earned by any Colorado competitor was a second place. This achievement is an outstanding accomplishment for Tanner, as well as Boulder High School and our Future Business Leaders of America Club. As a result, this year's members are more enthusiastic than ever before.

MODEL UNITED NATIONS

Model United Nations Team — New Members Welcome!

Students interested in world affairs and problem solving should consider learning about the very active and successful BHS Model United Nations team. At Model U.N. conferences, students in pairs represent a country as diplomats, discuss and debate current international issues, then negotiate and try to write and pass realistic, effective resolutions.

The 100+ member team meets every Wednesday at A or B lunch in Room 2206. Interested students are encouraged and welcome to attend the meetings to learn about Model U.N.

Boulder High School Model U.N. 2010–2011 Schedule

Saturday, September 11	INTRODUCTION to Model U.N. (and Presiding Officers Training) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Denver Center for International Studies School, Denver, 10:00 am–12:30 pm• Organized by BHS MUN team. New BHS team members welcome to participate.
Friday, September 17	INTRODUCTION to Model U.N. 2 (and Presiding Officers Training) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Boulder High School, 12:45 pm–3:00 pm• For new BHS team members—brief intro to the U.N. and Model U.N.• Veteran members simulate a Beginner Security Council• New members active participation in Beginner Security Council (with help)
Saturday, September 25	BHS Model U.N. Conference <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 8:30 am–3:30 pm
Saturday, November 13	Regis Jesuit H.S. Model U.N. Conference
Saturday, January 22	University of Colorado High School Model U.N. Conference
March 10 to 13	National & International H.S. MUN at Cornell University <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ithaca, NY
April	Conference in Colorado—to be determined

The Boulder County Prevention and Intervention Program

The Boulder County Prevention and Intervention Program (BCPIP) was founded in 1987 to provide effective school-based prevention and intervention services focused on strengthening students' skills and abilities to deal with problems, issues, and temptations, as well as to make decisions in a healthy and productive way. The partnering agencies in this program include Boulder County Public Health, the St. Vrain and Boulder Valley School Districts, the cities of Boulder and Longmont, the town of Lyons, and the Mental Health Center serving Boulder and Broomfield counties.

The primary focus of the BCPIP is to provide counseling and prevention services in close collaboration with school staff. These services include the following:

- Substance abuse and mental health assessment,
- Brief solution-focused counseling,
- Team mobilization to provide support after a school/community trauma,
- Referral of students/families to community agencies and follow-up to the referral,
- Coordination of community services offered on-site at schools,
- Consultation with school staff for prevention and intervention planning,
- Training students to work with and help other students,
- Group counseling to help students deal with problems/issues in small groups,
- Youth leadership, PF
- Presentations for parents,
- Classroom presentations, and
- Training for faculty and staff.

The program staff consists of masters or doctorate level counselors, psychologists, and social workers—referred to as Prevention/Interventionists. Prevention/Interventionists work for Boulder County Public Health, the Mental Health Center serving Boulder and Broomfield counties and the town of Lyons and are not school district employees.

The BCPIP program philosophy is to involve parents whenever possible. You should also know that as mental health professionals, Prevention/Interventionists follow federal law, which outlines confidentiality guidelines. People over the age of 15 are protected by this regulation and may seek services on their own. Anyone under 15 must first obtain parental consent to seek services. The guidelines specify that any information received by a Prevention/Interventionist is confidential unless the student (aged 15 or older) or a parent or guardian gives specific permission to disclose the information. Therefore, school personnel, including the principal, will not have information regarding your child's work with the Prevention/Interventionist unless specific permission is given. Excluded from this protection is information that discloses the intent to harm oneself or others, an incident of child abuse/neglect, or sexual assault.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Prevention/Intervention staff are placed at most secondary schools in the Boulder Valley and St. Vrain schools.

Boulder High's
Prevention/Interventionist is:

Ainsley Cone
720.561.5749
ainsley.cone@bvsd.org

For questions about the program please call:

Susie Ryder, MHC Team
Leader, for Boulder city-
based schools
303.441.1555 x92225
or

Jennifer L. Brown, BCPIP
Program Manager, for the
SVVSD and BVSD schools
outside the city of Boulder
303.678.6135

Boulder High School *Odaroloc* Senior Quote Form

Complete and return:

SENIOR'S NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

SENIOR QUOTE (ATTACH TYPED QUOTE OR PRINT NEATLY BELOW): _____

The *Odaroloc* yearbook invites seniors to submit inspirational quotes to accompany their senior portraits. **So that we can verify that your quote was submitted by you, please include a photocopy of your student ID.** Here's how to submit yours.

- ◆ In the space provided above or on a separate sheet, print or type your senior quote.
- ◆ Please limit the length of your quote to 25 words or fewer (quotes will be edited if too long).
- ◆ Foreign-language quotes will be accepted only if they are accompanied by an English-translation version.
- ◆ The *Odaroloc* staff reserves the right to reject quotes that contain objectionable material such as profanity and references to sex, drugs, alcohol, illegal activities, etc.
- ◆ **Deadline: Friday, Sept. 10, 2010.** No late quotes/photos will be accepted.
- ◆ Submit quotes/photos **together** to Mr. Likes' mailbox in the main office.

Odaroloc Senior Photo Guidelines

The *Odaroloc* yearbook will be printing senior portraits **in color**. Please keep the following in mind when submitting your senior portrait:

- ◆ Color glossies and digital files (300 ppi) will be accepted.
- ◆ Head and shoulder shots are preferred. The *Odaroloc* staff reserves the right to reject photos that include inappropriate dress, props, poses, etc. We will not accept drawings, baby photos, etc.
- ◆ Photo size: Wallet-size (2 X 3-inch) photos are preferred, but other sizes will be accepted.
- ◆ Write your full name, address, and phone number on the back of your photo.
- ◆ **Deadline: Friday, Sept. 10, 2010.** No late photos will be accepted.
- ◆ Submit photos/quotes **together** to Mr. Likes' mailbox in the main office.

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 20, 2011**. 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. 29, 2010.** Late tributes will be accepted until Nov. 20, 2009. 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 20, 2011**. 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. 29, 2010.** Late slide show photos will be accepted until Nov. 19, 2010. 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!

SEPTEMBER RTD BUS PASSES AND 10-TICKET RIDE BOOKLETS will be on sale in the Treasurer's Office during both lunch periods on AUGUST 30, AUGUST 31, and SEPTEMBER 1.

OCTOBER passes and booklets will be sold on SEPTEMBER 29, SEPTEMBER 30, and OCTOBER 1.

Monthly passes are \$35.00, and checks should be made out to RTD. 10-Ticket Ride booklets are \$9.00, and checks should be made out to BOULDER HIGH SCHOOL.

Any questions—contact *Cindy Henry* at cindylouwho3333@yahoo.com.

SEPTEMBER

- 1 **SCHEDULE 1**
Senior Meeting at TAP
- 3 Fall Sports Registration Ends
- 6 **NO SCHOOL — Labor Day**
- 8 **SCHEDULE 1**
- 13 Panther Club Meeting, Library, 6 pm
- 15 **SCHEDULE 2**
Rachel's Challenge, 7 pm
- 17 **NO SCHOOL — Professional Development**
- 22 **SCHEDULE 1**
Music Showcase, 7 pm
- 29 **SCHEDULE 2**
Homecoming Rally
Picture Retakes
Athletic Presentation, 6:30 pm
PAC Meeting, Library, 7 pm

OCTOBER

- 2 Homecoming Dance, 8–11 pm
- 6 **SCHEDULE 1**
Out of-State College Night, Monarch HS
- 8 All Cultures Day
- 11 Panther Club Meeting, Library, 6 pm
- 12 Parent-Teacher Conferences H–P, 3:30–7pm
- 13 **SCHEDULE 1**
Parent-Teacher Conferences Q–Z, 3:30–7pm
- 16 PSAT at BHS
- 19 Parent-Teacher Conferences A–G, 3:30–7pm
- 20 **SCHEDULE 1**
PAC Meeting, 7pm
Parent-Teacher Phone Conferences
- 26 Winter Sports Registration, 3–4 pm
- 27 **SCHEDULE 1**
Winter Sports Registration, 3–4 pm
- 28 Winter Sports Registration, 3–4 pm
Fall Theater Production, TBD
- 29–30 Fall Theater Production, TBD

CALENDAR

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