

Boulder HighLights



Boulder High Parents' Newsletter

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FROM KEVIN BRANEY, PRINCIPAL

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

Welcome to the start of the 2011–2012 school year! It has been an unusually busy first few weeks of school as we all adapt to a new bell schedule, new classes and new staff. I appreciate this monthly opportunity to communicate with you about the programs, achievements and happenings at Boulder High.

First of all, I welcome the class of 2015 and their families. I am so pleased you are now a part of the Boulder High family and I look forward to a strong partnership in the years ahead. Please let me know if I can be of assistance as you settle into your new home. I want to especially thank our junior and senior Panther Pride Leaders who worked so hard to prepare an outstanding orientation for our new students. A job well done!

Please welcome *Francis Schneeweiss* and *Katheryn Keyes* as our new assistant principals, joining *Brent Graham* and *Melissa Warfield*. As you may know, *Shannon Minch* is now Principal at Community Montessori, and the Superintendent's Office and I believed that an additional Assistant Principal would enable us to more effectively support our ability to provide a high-quality program.

Katheryn Keyes comes to Boulder High most recently from Westminster High where she was a teacher and instructional coach. A former English teacher, she strongly believes in the power of education to change lives. *Francis Schneeweiss* was recently the BVSD Assistant Director of Language, Culture and Equity. Prior to this work she was an English as a Second Language Instructor in Dallas. Please be sure to stop by and introduce yourself and welcome *Katheryn* and *Francis* to your community.

As with the start of every school year, we have made some changes in classes over these first few weeks to accommodate student enrollment. Our current enrollment has increased substantially with over 100 new students arriving in August alone. I thank you and your student for your patience and flexibility as we work to maximize staff resources and keep class size as low as possible.

This past month I have been working intensely with the faculty and staff of Boulder High preparing for your arrival. Much of this time has been spent pouring over the results of CSAP, AP, ACT, and climate data from last year and determining our celebrations and opportunities for growth. While our CSAP and ACT results were mixed, I am thrilled with the results of our climate data and AP scores. Our climate data, which basically examines the general sense of well-being parents and students perceive at our school, has increased significantly. Part of this improvement is due to the engagement we as a community have invested in our school's climate since the spring of 2010. I thank our faculty and staff, parents and community members who assisted with our Unity Council, who has in part led this work. Please know you have made a tremendous difference.

Additionally, last spring 1,313 AP tests were given at Boulder High. This alone is extraordinary achievement and I am also pleased to report that over 83% of our AP tests received a score of 3 or higher and 62% received a 4 or 5. As an AP Focus school I am thrilled with this outstanding performance and look forward to continued excellence in the future.

Our strength as a school community hinges in part on our willingness to work together to provide the best educational opportunities for our students and our willingness as a staff to improve our practices when they are not meeting our needs and/or intentions. As your principal I committed to a cycle of continuous improvement and these conversations most often occur through the leadership of our Parent Advisory Council (PAC) led by this year's Co-Chairs, *Marcella Setter* and *India Wood*. To learn about the variety of opportunities available to you to support PAC, please check the websites for details:

- PAC: www.bhspac.org
- Boulder High: schools.bvsd.org/boulderhigh

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There are a couple of calendar items I would like to mention. **On Wednesday, September 21 and Wednesday, October 19, our PAC will be presenting a two-part panel discussion: "Reality Check @ BHS."** Panelists will include a BHS counselor, our interventionist, school resource officer, school psychologist, the BVSD Discipline Director and the City of Boulder Deputy District Attorney. It promises to be an engaging, informative evening on risky behaviors and how school staff and family can work together to support students in making positive, healthy choices and safe decisions.

Additionally, I wanted to let you know that **CSAP testing is scheduled for the first part of March, sometime between March 5 and 16.** 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 time frame. More information will be available in January.

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.

GO PANTHERS!

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STUDENT COUNCIL

HOMECOMING!

The biggest dance of the year, the Homecoming Dance, is Saturday, September 17, from 8 to 11 pm. The theme is **"Cirque de Boulder."** Tickets go on sale during both lunch hours at the treasurer's office starting Monday, August 29 and are sold for three weeks. Buy the tickets early, as the price goes up each week. Tickets are non-refundable. Tickets are \$10 from August 29 to Sept. 1. Tickets are \$15 from Sept. 6 to 9. Tickets are \$20 from Sept. 12 to 16. Also tickets are sold at the door for \$25.

Homecoming activities include:

1. Spirit Days Fashion Show during both lunch hours on Friday, Sept. 9th to show students what they could wear on each spirit day of Homecoming week.
2. "Recognition for All" will be attached on the hallways on Monday, Sept. 12, the first day of Homecoming Week. Every person's name, from the entire school, will be on a circus object placed on the walls of BHS. Look for your name and take it down for a souvenir.
3. Spirit Week—Each day will have a dress-up theme for the student body and staff. Awards will be given to many of those who dress up.
4. The Fall Activity Rally and announcement of the princes and princesses of the Homecoming Court will be on Thursday, Sept. 15th. The King and Queen are seniors chosen by the entire student body. Each of the other three classes (freshman, sophomore, junior) elects a prince and princess from their class.
5. The King and Queen are revealed and crowned at the half-time show of the Homecoming Football Game.
6. The week will end with the big dance on Saturday night from 8 to 11 pm in the courtyard of Boulder High School.

HONORS & AWARDS

This summer, *Tate Moore* and *Mary Cait Milliff*, both juniors from BHS Student Council, were selected to serve as Colorado High School Activities Association (CHSAA) State Student Leadership Representatives. Their duties include representing our League as well as helping to plan and implement the State Leadership Conference in October at Fossil Ridge High School. This is quite an honor to have two students selected for such a prestigious position.

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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 a student wants 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.

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

ACT		SAT		PSAT	AP
Test Date	Regular Registration	Test Dates	Regular Registration	Test Date	Test Dates
Oct. 22	Sept. 16	Oct. 1	Sept. 9	Sat., Oct. 15 8 am –12 pm	May 7–18, 2012
Dec. 10	Nov. 4	Nov. 5	Oct. 7		
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 and registration info TBA	Testing schedule will be available on the Counseling website

Note: For testing and college applications, the code for Boulder High School is 060–115.

Important Dates for the 2011–2012 School Year

August 31, TAP period

Senior class meeting with counselors. Seniors will hear about the college application process.

Sept. 1, 6:00 pm BHS Auditorium

Prior to Back to School Night, parents of seniors can hear about the college application process for their students.

Sept. 1, 7:00 pm

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT

Sept.–Oct.

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 2. If you need assistance on college planning, please make a separate, additional appointment.

Sept. 14, 7:00 pm, Centaurus High School

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.

Sept. 26–Oct. 7

PSAT REGISTRATION (for Oct. 15 PSAT)

In front of the auditorium during both lunch A & B. From October 10–13, you can register in the Counseling Office. 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 15. 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.

Sept.–Nov.

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.

Oct. 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.

Oct. 12, 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.

Oct. 6, 4:00 – 7:30 pm

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES—LAST NAMES: Q–Z

Oct. 11, 4:00 – 7:30 pm

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES—LAST NAMES: A–G

Oct. 13, 4:00 – 7:30 pm

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES—LAST NAMES: H–P

Oct. 15, Boulder High School

PSAT

Nov. 4

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 4; if your application deadline is Jan. 13 – Feb. 1, have the counselor's part in by Dec. 2. This allows the counselor time to write a recommendation or attach a transcript before winter break.

Important Dates for the 2011–2012 School Year

Nov. 14, 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 www.fafsa.ed.gov.

Dec. 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 overall view 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.

Dec. 13–16 FINALS

Tues., 12/13 Periods 1, 5
Wed., 12/14 Periods 2, 6
Thurs., 12/15 Periods 3, 7
Fri., 12/16 Period 4 & make-ups
 (must be arranged ahead of time)

Feb. 7, 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 6, 4:00 – 7:30 pm PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES—LAST NAMES: L–Z

March 8, 4:00 – 7:30 pm PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES—LAST NAMES: A–K

April 24, 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 24 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 7–18 AP TESTING

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

May 15–17 SENIOR FINALS

(All finals take place during regular class times.)

Tues., 5/15 Periods 2, 5, 7
Wed., 5/16 Periods 3, 6
Thurs., 5/17 Periods 1, 4

May 17, 7:00 pm, BHS Auditorium AWARDS CEREMONY

May 19 GRADUATION

May 21–24 FINALS

Mon., 5/21 Periods 1, 5
Tues., 5/22 Periods 2, 6
Wed., 5/23 7 Periods 3, 7
Thurs., 5/24 Period 4 & make-ups
 (must be arranged ahead of time)

COLLEGE VISITS

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY	STATE	DATE	TIME
University of Colorado at Denver	CO	09/12/11	1:30 pm
Haverford College	PA	09/13/11	10:30 am
Colorado State University	CO	09/19/11	8:00 am
The American University of Paris		09/28/11	9:00 am
Hampshire College	MA	09/28/11	9:00 am
CollegeAmerica	CO	10/6/11	10:45 am
St. Lawrence University	NY	10/7/11	8:00 am
Eckerd College	FL	10/7/11	9:00 am
Whittier College	CA	10/7/11	12:30 pm
Marlboro College	VT	10/11/11	8:30 am
Sweet Briar College	VA	10/11/11	8:30 am
Willamette University	OR	10/11/11	8:30 am
Bowdoin College	ME	10/11/11	9:00 am
Union College	NY	10/11/11	9:00 am
Linfield College	OR	10/11/11	9:30 am
University of British Columbia		10/11/11	10:00 am
Claremont McKenna College	CA	10/11/11	10:00 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
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
Centre College	KY	10/11/11	12:00 noon
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
Knox College	IL	10/11/11	1:00 pm
University of the Pacific	CA	10/11/11	1:30 pm
Boston University	MA	10/11/11	1:30 pm
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
Illinois Wesleyan University	IL	10/12/11	9:30 am
Kalamazoo College	MI	10/12/11	9:30 am

COLLEGE VISITS

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY	STATE	DATE	TIME
University of Massachusetts, Amherst	MA	10/12/11	9:30 am
Carleton College	MN	10/12/11	10:00 am
DePauw University	IN	10/12/11	10:00 am
Vassar College	NY	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
Rollins College	FL	10/12/11	11:00 am
Gonzaga University	WA	10/12/11	11:30 am
Pitzer College	CA	10/12/11	11:30 am
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
Amherst College	MA	10/12/11	1:00 pm
University of Puget Sound	WA	10/12/11	1:30 pm
Ithaca College	NY	10/13/11	8:30 am
Western New England University	MA	10/13/11	8:45 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
Northeastern University	MA	10/13/11	11:30 am

**Parent Counselor Forum
Wed., Sept. 14, 2:30 pm
Library Reference Room**

Come find out what's going on this year
in the BHS Counseling Department.

Counselors will provide information
and answer your questions.

Everyone is welcome!

ADVANCED PLACEMENT

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, we need your assistance to keep the program running smoothly. The AP Parents Association has been formed to advocate

for and support this important educational opportunity. *Michelle Carpenter* is coordinating volunteer efforts, so send her an email (michelle.carpenter@bvsd.org) with contact information if you can help. Volunteers are needed in the following areas:

- Showcase Night during open enrollment period (December)
- Incoming Freshman Course Selection night (January/February)
- Fundraising for AP teacher training and other costs associated with the program
- 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)

Congratulations to BHS Advanced Placement Students!

Boulder High School had another banner year of Advanced Placement testing. In the spring of 2011, BHS administered 1313 AP exams. Of those, 83% received a passing score of a "3" or more, 32% of the tests scored a "4", and 29% of the exams received a score of a "5", the best score possible! Depending upon the individual college, students may earn college credit with AP scores of 3 and above.

BHS also had some outstanding scores in certain academic areas:

- 61% of Calculus BC students scored a 5
- 45% of AP Lang and Comp students scored a 5
- 43% of Chemistry students scored a 5
- 43% of Calculus AB students scored a 5
- 42% of AP World History scored a 5
- 41% of Spanish Language students scored a 5

Congratulations to our awesome AP students and teachers!



On behalf of the Parent Advisory Council (PAC), welcome to another school year at the best and oldest high school in Colorado!

For those of you new to Boulder High, PAC is the official BHS parent organization. You can find helpful information for parents, the PAC meeting schedule and more at <http://bhspac.org>

PAC supports the students, parents, and staff of our school in many important ways. We serve as an information clearinghouse for the parent community through weekly e-News updates and the monthly *HighLights* newsletter. We also organize parent volunteers for school events such as Back to School Night and the Senior Barbecue. We show our gratitude to BHS teachers and staff by providing some sort of treat or gift monthly and providing meals for teachers during parent/teacher conferences. We ask for donations to support these events and to help meet needs that aren't covered by our school budget.

PAC Meetings are held on the last Wednesday of each month in the BHS library reference room from 6:00–7:30 pm. At each meeting, *Principal Kevin Braney* gives a report on current events and important issues at Boulder High, then takes questions from attendees. There are also reports from the Counseling staff and representatives of school and district-wide committees, such as the School Accountability Committee and the District Parent Council.

There is copious research telling us that students achieve more when their parents are active in a school parent organization. Please show your student that you are interested in their education and school community by attending PAC meetings and volunteering. PAC meetings are open to all parents and guardians, and we hope to see you all there!

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

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!

STAFF APPRECIATION

Good Morning, Boulder High!

Breakfast was provided for the teachers and staff at school on Wednesday, August 17th, which coincided with the school's first teacher collaboration day. This was PAC's way of saying "Welcome Back" to everyone who continually puts in endless hours to make sure your student's experience at Boulder High is exceptional.

There are two local Boulder businesses who have generously donated their products and services in support of our staff events: **Boulder Soup Works** and **EVOL Foods**. Please consider showing them your support as a BHS parent/guardian the next time you are at the grocery store.

We could not afford to sponsor these staff events without the donations of local community businesses. If you have a student at BHS and have a business that would like to donate to one of our events (food, gift cards, services or cash) or if you would like to make an individual contribution, please contact either of our co-chairs:

Jody McCarthy, thomnjody@comcast.net or

Leah Kahn, lkahn@hayneco.com

MUSIC

Sept. 15, 7:00 pm
— Music Showcase —
BHS Auditorium

The first performance of the year
includes all instrumental and
vocal music groups.

The event is free and
open to the public.



Instrumental Music

Thurs., Sept. 15: Scholarship applications due in the BHS office. Students who demonstrate financial need can apply for scholarships to help with the costs of private lessons, music trips and other music needs. To apply, download the form listed below, or find it on Boulder High's website under **Music Program**.

<http://bvsd.org/schools/boulder/impa/Documents/IMPA-Scholarship.pdf>

Tues., Sept. 20, 7:00 pm: IMPA Meeting, Band room. JOIN US! Looking for your niche to serve the Boulder High School Community? The IMPA or Instrumental Music Parents Association is a fun and effective group of parents that works to support the students and faculty of the Boulder High Music Programs. We meet (generally) the third Tuesday of each month.

Vocal Music

Fri., Sept. 9, 9 am–2 pm: CU Men's Festival. The men from the BHS choir program will be performing at 1:00 pm in Imig, the music building at CU. The event is free and open to the public.

VISUAL ARTS

COVA, Community of Visual Arts, is a support group of parents and community members for our visual arts department. COVA members set up art shows, buy grocery certificates, volunteer in the classroom, etc. We'd love to have you join us in quarterly meetings or in a limited way. Contact *Ms Schick, Ms. Villarreal, or Mr. Blessing* for more information on how you can help.

Students entering the Boulder High Art/Science wing this fall will notice a new aluminum metal relief sculpture! Spring '11 art students collaborated with local artists *Charlotte Zink, Ben Zink, and George Peters* and each other to design and create a piece for Boulder High. A generous grant from the Boulder Arts Commission and Open Arts funded students from Photography, Portfolio Arts and Advanced Pottery/Sculpture to work with the professional artists, their teachers and each other from beginning to end on the theme "Teens in Motion." The sculpture adds to the rich artistic legacy of Boulder High School.

This summer, for the second time in a row, three students and Ms. Schick also purchased an oil painting at the Cherry Creek Arts Festival through a grant by the Janus Fund to add to the Boulder High Art Collection.

In June, three Boulder High School teams created one-of-a-kind chalk art in the "Denver Chalk Art Festival on Larimer Square." The Youth Challenge took place over two 90+ -degree days. The pieces were fantastic and on par with the professional chalk artists, aka *Madonnari*.

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

We are proud to have launched "AP Art History" and "Digital Art and Design 1 & 2." These are exciting new courses that keep BHS at the forefront of the district for visual art classes.

Once again, we will be offering Open Studios to students after school starting September 7. See *Ms. Schick, Ms. Villarreal, or Mr. Blessing* for details.

Look for the Art Department to be doing some exciting things this year—from hosting numerous visiting artists, the fourth annual Portfolio 101 workshop, and shows in the community, to exploring new technology in the arts for our students to enhance their artistic expression.



PANTHER CLUB

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 Meeting

September 12
BHS Library
6 pm

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 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. **For the second year in a row, members will receive our Panther Club Card, which provides discounts to 15 local businesses: Art Cleaners, Boulder Chill, Boulder Cycle Sport, Boulder Running Company, Clutter Consignment, 15th Street Coffee, Firehouse Subs, Modmarket, outdoor DIVAS, Pita Pit, Plato's Closet, Rueben's Burger Bistro, Smiling Moose Deli, Spooners Frozen Yogurt and Tom's Sportique Eyewear.**

Visit our website at www.boulderpantherclub.com for more information, to join online or to download our form to make a donation by mail. Cards will be mailed upon receipt of your donation. Forms are also available through the Athletic Department. Our proceeds continue to be low during these difficult economic times - your donation makes that much more of a difference.

Go Panthers!

GROCERY CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

The BHS Make-A-Difference Club (MADC) purchases grocery certificates (aka 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 three 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 certificates 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 certificates once a month from a neighborhood rep in Boulder.

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NOTHING
EXTRA!

Alfalfa's (NEW!!)
Lucky's Market
King Soopers
Safeway
Sunflower Market
Vitamin Cottage



THANK YOU

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

MODEL UNITED NATIONS

The BHS Model United Nations team welcomes any students interested in international relations and attempting to solve real-world problems.

Model U.N. students work in pairs as diplomats representing a specific country. They participate in one-day, Saturday conferences at different high schools or universities in Colorado and may qualify to go to a four-day, national MUN. In United Nations-style councils, student delegates give formal and informal speeches, collaborate with allies, write, amend, and try to pass resolutions to solve serious international problems from the point of view of their country.

Beginning delegates start out in the Beginner Security Council and are well trained by BHS MUN stu-

dent officers. They may move up to intermediate and advanced councils over time.

The last few years, Boulder H.S. has been the largest and one of the most successful Model U.N. teams in Colorado. Last year, BHS earned Outstanding Delegation (team) at the Cornell University MUN. The previous three years at national Model U.N. conferences in New York City and Washington, D.C., 11 BHS team members earned individual awards.

Model United Nations meets every Tuesday during A and B lunch in room 2206 (Social Studies). Bring and eat your lunch. Senior *Sophie Harrington* is our Secretary-General (leader) this year. *Mr. Trinkner* and *Mr. Aiken* are co-sponsors.

2011-12 BHS MUN Schedule

Sat., Sept. 17	Introduction to Model U.N. state conference (opportunity to practice serving in a Beginner Security Council), Boulder H.S., 12:45 to 3:00 pm
Sat., Oct. 1	Regis Jesuit H.S. Model U.N., Denver, 8:30 am to 3:30 pm
Sat., Nov. 5	University of Colorado / Boulder H.S. Model U.N., all day
Sat., Dec. 3	Colorado Springs School Model U.N. — overnight trip, all day Saturday
Sat., Jan. 21	Boulder H.S. Model U.N., 8:30 to 3:30 pm
February	National H.S. Model U.N. conference — four days, location to be determined (possibly Georgetown U. or Johns Hopkins U.)
Sat., Apr. 14	University of Denver H.S. Model U.N. conference, all day

Teens and Money: Learning to Manage Money

If your teenager doesn't seem to understand that money doesn't magically appear from ATMs, your credit cards have limits, and your checking account doesn't have a revolving door on it, then it may be time to start teaching them about the value of money. Experts concur that the sooner teens learn about personal finances and how to responsibly use financial services, such as savings accounts, checking accounts, debit cards and credit cards, the better off they will be when they must handle money matters once they begin to live on their own.

In fact, more than half of the parents in the US don't discuss financial matters with their children at all. Unfortunately, over 90% of the young adults, ages 18–23, who filed for bankruptcy had never received formal training and never discussed finances with their parents.

Unfortunately, many parents believe that adding a child onto their bank account and/or credit card, or helping them get a prepaid debit card is the solution to financial education. In addition, many parents believe that opening a savings account at their bank that their child can never touch will teach them prudent savings habits. Experts agree that while these are seemingly viable answers, they are at best a quick fix and have unreliable results.

There are three tried-and-tested ways to successfully teach young adults responsible financial behavior: education, hands-on experience, and teach by example ...**and the key is to do this BEFORE THEY MOVE AWAY TO COLLEGE OR MOVE OUT ON THEIR OWN.** Studies continue to show that students who receive financial education and successfully manage a checking account and a credit card prior to high school graduation have a far greater chance of managing their finances once they leave home than other young adults.

And it takes just three easy steps:

- **FIRST:** Open a Savings Account at Boulder High School's Panther Student Credit Union so they can conveniently manage their money and begin making decisions and learn responsibility. Start them out on the right foot by helping them establish a workable budget that you both agree upon.
- **SECOND:** Take time to review monthly statements and discuss their spending/savings behavior with

them. Share your appreciation when they spend sensibly, display restraint, and/or find options to avoid excessive withdrawals. Praise them when they take the time to reconcile their monthly account and fall on the floor when they do it on their own.

- **and THIRD:** Lead by example. Instill good financial habits in your children by practicing what you preach. This is the most powerful tool. Show your kids how, as a family, you live within your means by prioritizing needs and wants. Explain how saving money for important long-term goals, such as a college education, a nice vacation, or a new car, requires a savings plan that fits into the family budget, especially in these tough economic times.

The Panther Student Credit Union is sponsored by Boulder Valley Credit Union. Their focus is to provide students with financial education that will help them through life. They offer the hands-on financial experience that helps students practice what they learn. They also offer online financial education that supplements the classroom lessons taught at Boulder High School. Joining the Panther Student Credit Union gives students the unique opportunity of managing their own savings and checking accounts, developing debit card and ATM management skills, as well as providing them with the experience of using a credit card responsibly, before they graduate from high school.

The Panther Student Credit Union at Boulder High is located in the cafeteria and is open during lunch periods for students to make their own transactions. Student can also access their account at any Boulder Valley Credit Union branch or any one of 4,200+ Credit Union Service Centers or 28,000+ network ATMs located locally and nationwide. Accounts are federally insured to \$250,000 and parents and family members can also join the BVCU and experience many of the same benefits.

For a limited time, the Student Credit Union will match up to \$20 of the student's initial deposit when they open a Savings Account. Visit www.bvcu.org/panthers or contact Steve Carr at 303-415-3504 or at panthers@bvcu.org. The Panther Student Credit Union is here to help your students and you achieve your financial goals and we look forward to working with you.



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

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. 9, 2011.** 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. 9, 2011.** 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 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!

SEPTEMBER RTD BUS PASSES AND 10-TICKET RIDE BOOKLETS will be on sale in the Treasurer's Office during both lunch periods on Aug. 31 and Sept. 1 & 2.

OCTOBER passes and booklets will be sold on Sept. 30 and Oct. 3 & 4.

Monthly passes are \$39.50, and checks should be made out to BVSD. 10-Ticket Ride booklets are \$10.00, 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>)

SEPTEMBER

- 1 Freshman Parents Meeting, Gym, 6pm
Senior Parents College Night Mtg, Auditorium, 6pm
Back to School Night, Auditorium, 7pm
- 2 **NO SCHOOL — Professional Development**
- 5 **NO SCHOOL — Labor Day**
- 9 *Odaroloc* senior photo/quote deadline
- 14 Parent Counselor Forum, 2:30pm
In-State College Fair, Centaurus HS
- 15 Music Showcase, 7pm
- 17 Homecoming Dance
- 20 PAC Reality Check—Part 1, 6:30pm
- 22 Picture Retakes
- 26 League of Women Voters, School Board Candidates
Forum, BVSD Ed Center, 7–9pm
- 27 NCAA Information Night, 6pm
- 28 PAC Meeting, 6pm

OCTOBER

- 6 Parent Teacher Conferences—Q–Z, 4–7:30pm
- 7 All Cultures Day
- 11 Parent Teacher Conferences—A–G, 4–7:30pm
- 12 Out-of-State College Fair, Monarch HS
- 13 Parent Teacher Conferences—H–P, 4–7:30pm
PSAT registration deadline (sophomores & juniors)
- 14 **NO SCHOOL — Teacher Work Day**
- 15 PSAT @ BHS
- 21 *Odaroloc* Senior Tribute photos deadline
- 26 PAC Meeting, 6pm
- 26–29 Haunted House, 6–10pm
- 31 Haunted House, 6–10pm



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