



Brunswick High Newsletter April 2016

School Calendar

Date	Event
Thursday, April 21	Report Cards Issued
Monday, April 25	AP Exam Pre-Administration Session
Tuesday, April 26	School Closed: Primary Election Day
Thursday, April 28	Senior Meeting – Graduation Information; Distribute Caps & Gowns
Friday, April 29	2-Hour Early Dismissal for Students
Monday, May 2 – Friday, May 13	AP Exam Testing

Dates and times are subject to change

From the Desk of Principal Doll

Happy April!

We are excited that we have all the “bugs” worked out and now have daily video announcements. Our technical crew and announcers are enjoying the experience.

Chemistry teacher, Mr. Jim Kelly is our BHS teacher of the year.

As our school population continues to grow, we have the opportunity to offer a variety of courses. We will be offering: 3 more sections of art, Management and Entrepreneurship, Climate Weather and Space Science, Law and Society, English 101 and instead of Introduction to Chemistry and Physics students will be taking Physical Earth and Space Science.

There is much talk about the College and Career Readiness and College Completion Act of 2013. The state will be collecting information through the county’s High School Status and Completers file. There will be nothing stamped on transcripts and report cards. Students can reach the 11th grade assessment requirement in many ways. Please visit recent parent communication at <http://www.fcps.org/student-services/couments/TestingAct2016.pdf> for more details.

It is test time! AP testing for students who have registered for the tests is from May 2nd to May 12th. The PARCC (Algebra 1, Algebra 2, English 10, and English 11) testing window is from May 13th to May 25th. The HSA (Biology, Government) testing is from June 1st to June 8th. On their test days (and every day), please encourage your child to get a good night’s sleep and have a healthy breakfast!

With Brunswick Pride,
Principal Nancy Doll

Senior Class Calendar

Attention Parents/Guardians of Seniors: Graduation will be here just over a month from now and there are many meetings and activities scheduled. Please refer to the Senior Class webpage for specific information. Some important dates include:

- Saturday, April 23 – Prom
- Thursday, April 28 – Senior Class Meeting during first period in the auditorium (caps & gowns will be distributed)
- May 2 – May 13 – AP Exams
- Tuesday, May 24 – Senior Exam Day
- Thursday, May 26 – Senior Picnic
- Friday, May 26 – Awards Assembly Practice at 8:00 am
- Tuesday, May 31 – Awards Assembly
- Tuesday, May 31 – Graduation Practice at 11:30 am
- Wednesday, June 1 – Graduation at 10:00 am

Senior Meeting

TO ALL SENIORS and parents,

On April 12, 2016, I met with a majority of seniors but I know some are in and out throughout the day. They are in their last marking period of their high school career and I want it to be a safe and rewarding time for them.

I reminded them of the following:

1. Driving to school is a privilege not a right. When they enter in the morning, they should not take the first left but follow the circle. There are still parents who circle around and exit out the lower end. Also do not pass anyone. Be patient in line. Above all else, drive safely.
2. Be on time. We have had an increase of students late to school. Leave home earlier. Do not speed. Again, drive safely.

3. Academics

All classes are important. Do not think it is okay to do poorly in your elective classes. Twenty years from now when you need a copy of your transcript, you want it to be a positive reflection of your effort in school.

I am so happy to see many of our seniors in study groups during Railroader Connections and after school. I wish them luck as they study and review for AP and class exams.

4. Social Media

Anything you post becomes permanent, even on sites such as KIK, snapchat and instagram, whether you think so or not. Someone will get your post and it could go viral in no time. Think before you post.

5. Use of electronic devices-use appropriately in classroom and at teacher's direction. Ear buds and phones should be away in hallways. This is for safety reasons.

6. They will be entering the auditorium a lot in the next two months. Always do it in an orderly fashion.
7. In the cafeteria, clean up after yourselves.
8. Dress Code
Hats, it gets old for us to address this daily. Short shorts and short dresses are not permitted. Low cut muscle shirts and tank tops are not permitted. Cut-outs, racerbacks, strapless, cami tops are not permitted. Always carry a sweater or wrap of some kind. The temperature varies throughout the building.
9. Senior “traditions”
Students should not do anything to jeopardize their privilege to participate in prom or graduation.
10. Attendance counts. 5 unexcused absences means a student could fail all classes.

In all, be role models for the underclassmen. Be mature, young adults. Misconduct, poor behavior, referrals to the office could jeopardize their privilege of participating in prom and graduation. They started as freshmen my first year at BHS. I’ve had the opportunity to watch them grow into young adults. Let’s make these last two months together enjoyable and rewarding.

Sincerely,
Ms. Doll

SAVE THE DATE!

You do not want to miss this!

SAVE THE DATE! Wednesday, May 18, 2016 at 7:00 pm in the BHS Auditorium

Brunswick High School is excited to present “**Innocence Stolen: Protecting Our Children**” by Vince DeVivo, Community Outreach Specialist, with the United States Attorney’s Office, District of Maryland. This 90 minute multimedia presentation provides information for parents on how to help keep children safe on the internet. The presentation informs adults about how to protect young people from negative and criminal influences online. Topics include social networking, cyber bullying, sexting, and internet predators. The program will provide prevention and intervention strategies, as well as internet safety resources. Parents from all schools in the BHS feeder pattern are invited to attend. More information about this presentation can be found at <https://www.justice.gov/usao-md/community-outreach>.

AP Exams

All students who registered (paid) for an AP Exam, **must** attend the AP Pre-Administration Session on Monday, April 25th at 7:30 a.m. in the BHS Cafeteria. We will be completing important information on the AP Exam Answer Sheet as well as distributing important AP information.

Volunteers

Volunteer hours for May 1, 2015 through April 30, 2016 are due to Jill Wilton (jill.wilton@fcps.org) in the Counseling Office by **Monday, May 2, 2016**

Please calculate your hours for this time period (Booster Meetings (Athletic, Drama, Band); PTSA Meetings, Safe & Sane, Working Concessions, Baking, Taking Tickets, Building Sets, Sewing Costumes, and much, much more). **If you gave freely of your time in support of a school activity - that COUNTS!**

From the School Counselors Office

DISCLAIMER: FCPS provides scholarship information as a resource only and does not endorse any sponsor of any particular scholarship program. Compulsory School Attendance Age Increasing:

Senate Bill 362, Age for Compulsory Public School Attendance, was passed by the 2012 Maryland General Assembly and signed into law by the Governor. The law increases the age of compulsory school attendance from 16 to 18 and must be fully implemented by school systems by the beginning of the 2017-2018 school year. Phase one of the law becomes effective on July 1, 2015, and increases the age of compulsory school attendance from 16 to 17. Phase two must be fully implemented by the beginning of the 2017-18 school year and further increases the age of compulsory school attendance from 17 to 18.

SUMMER SESSION LEARNING: MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL (SECONDARY)

FCPS has posted details and registration materials for 2016: <https://education.fcps.org/flex/> (select “Summer Session Learning Options”)

See participation expectations, dates, times and registration fees.

Students must return completed registration forms to their school counselor before Friday, June 17 at 10 AM.

The Frederick County Virtual School manages all programs, held at Governor Thomas Johnson MIDDLE School.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

Traditional (TRAD) Middle School Summer Session

MS TRAD is for currently enrolled FCPS 8th graders. The program is designed for students to recover passing grades in core-content merit courses required for high school promotion. Students meet daily with certified FCPS teachers. Registration information will be distributed directly by school counselors to qualifying students.

Traditional (TRAD) High School Summer Session

HS TRAD is for currently enrolled FCPS high school students who benefit from a structured learning environment and want to recover credit in core-content merit courses required for high school graduation. Students meet daily with certified FCPS teachers.

Partially Online Summer Session

(POSS)

Rising 9th Graders: There is a unique registration packet that will be distributed directly from each middle school.

POSS is for current FCPS rising 9th graders and high school students who are independent, self-motivated learners. POSS offers honors and elective courses for grade improvement or original credit. Students meet face-to-face once each week and complete structured online coursework outside of class (requires Internet and consistent computer access).

Site-Based Summer Session (SBSS)

This summer program is designed for students who benefit from a structured learning environment and need to recover core content area credits for graduation. Courses are taught at the merit level.

COLLEGE OPEN HOUSES

AMDA (American Musical and Dramatic Academy): 2016 National Audition Tour for admissions to AMDA has been scheduled. Visit www.amda.edu for more information and audition dates/locations.

Seton Hall University: April 24. Register at www.shu.edu/visiting.

University of North Carolina – Charlotte: April 23. RSVP at www.admissions.uncc.edu/visit.

University of North Carolina at Greensboro: Day, April 29. Register via email at admissions@uncg.edu.

Virginia Tech: “A Day in the Life of a Physics Major” – Attend an information session about the application process, sit in on a class and have lunch with physics majors, meet the department chair, tour teaching and research labs and tour campus. There are multiple days to visit so visit www.phys.vt.edu/students/day-in-physics-student.shtml and select a day to visit.

OPPORTUNITIES

All Frederick County Students, grades six through 12, are invited to a United States Naval Academy (USNA) Information Forum, conducted by the Frederick County and western Maryland USNA Blue & Gold Officer, Lieutenant Colonel Brian D. Moore, to discuss the application process to the United States Naval Academy. Some aspects of the USNA include:

- Full College Scholarship
- 25 Academic Majors
- #1 Public School in the Nation*
- Top 5 Best Undergraduate Engineering Programs*
- Division I Varsity Sports
- Exciting Careers Post-Graduation

* as ranked by U.S. News & World Report (2014 Edition)

OAKDALE HIGH SCHOOL

Room B200

5850 EAGLEHEAD DRIVE

IJAMSVILLE, MD 21754- 9711

Student Service Learning Project: Partner’s in Care Frederick County.

Volunteer Maryland Coordination: Shannon Baskerville shannonbaskerville@partnersincare.org

Partners in Care is a Frederick County Nonprofit Organization. Our Mission is to empower senior citizens to live independently in their homes. Through volunteer efforts, Partners in Care provides free transportation for medical appointments, grocery shopping, hair appointments and other neighborly errands that will help senior citizens improve their quality of life for as long as it is safe.

Student Volunteers Needed

Partners in Care operates out of a small office in downtown Frederick, but has made a big impact in the lives of a limited group of members. We would love to do so much more! Therefore, we are asking Frederick County Public Schools to join us in a community alliance that will help spread the word and eliminate our 3 Month Membership Waiting List. When a volunteer joins our program and drives just 1 day per month, 2-3 applicants can be removed from our waiting list.

NJROTC at Governor Thomas Johnson High School. Interested students should see their school counselor for more information.

Free exam preparation (SAT, ACT, AP, and more) is available **online** via the **Frederick County Public Library**. Access with your library card at the link below:

<http://fcpl.org/research/resource-guides/test-prep-education>

Testing & Education Reference Center (TERC) is a start-to-finish resource with all the information and support

materials needed to make informed, confident decisions to shape the rest of your life.

- Over 300 **practice tests and courses** (AP, ACT, SAT, PSAT, GED, HiSET, and TASC)
- Dozens of ebooks containing valuable **study material and practice tests**
- Information on over 4,000 accredited schools
- Scholarship search featuring \$8 billion in available scholarships
- Resume builder with over 1,000 brainstorming phrases to get you started

AmeriCorps: A Full-time, team based residential service program for young adults who want to give back to communities in need at different locations across the country. For 10 months you'll work on projects such as engaging youth, building and rehabilitating homes, cleaning up parks, streams, trails, and shorelines, fighting and preventing wildfires, helping communities recover from disaster. You will be assigned to one of five campuses across the country. For more information and to apply, go to www.AmeriCorps.gov/NCCC, call 800-942-2677, or email anccc@cns.gov.

Baltimore Electrical JATC (Local Union 24) is accepting applications for apprentice positions in the Baltimore Area. The Electrical Apprenticeship Program is tuition free with college credit. All applicants must apply in person. Visit www.jatc24.org for more information.

Community Foundation of Frederick County: Will you need money to help with college or training after high school? The Community Foundation of Frederick County has \$1 million available in scholarships for the upcoming academic year. -- Online applications available from March 30 to April 30 at www.frederickcountygives.org/receive/scholarships.

FCPS Arts and Communications Academy is accepting applications for the 2016-2017 academic school year. Audition dates are Fridays April 29 and May 27 by appointment. Please visit <http://aca.sites.fcps.org> or contact ACA Coordinator Jason Patellis, at 240-236-8343 or Jason.Patellis@fcps.org for details.

FCPS-Online College Exam Prep: FCPS Virtual School (FCVS) provides access to comprehensive online College Exam Preparation (CEP) website for currently enrolled FCPS high school students. Students have 24/7 access to preparation for ACT, SAT, AP exams, and SAT 2 Subject Exams for one \$30 registration fee good through June 30, 2016. For more information and to register, go to <https://education/fcps.org/flex/cep>

First Energy Power Systems Institute: is a unique, two year program that combines classroom learning with hands-on training. Students can earn an Associate Degree in Electric Utility Technology, which can lead to a career as a line worker or substation electrician in the electric utility industry. First Energy will be paying tuition, required books and lab fees or qualified students accepted into the Power Systems Institute (PSI) Program. For more information, go to <https://goo.gl/StIBJN>

National Portfolio Day is held by the National Portfolio Day Association- A nonprofit organization with representatives from regionally and NASAD-accredited art, design and film schools. For more information, dates and locations go to: www.portfolioday.net

The U.S. Department of State Announces Scholarships for American High School Students to Study Abroad: For more information on exchanges sponsored by the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, visit www.exchanges.state.gov or watch this video about U.S. high school student exchanges. For information on having an international experience without leaving home, consider hosting a Department of State sponsored exchange student. Learn more at <http://hosting.state.gov>

SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES:

Experience law school as a high school student



The [University of Pennsylvania Law Pre-College Academy](#) gives students a taste of an Ivy League law school as students develop legal reasoning skills and review case briefings, while dissecting constitutional, criminal, and contract law in a curriculum that mirrors that of first year law students.

Every year, students enroll in the Penn Law Academy to learn more about what it takes to succeed in law school and determine or confirm their educational and professional path. Law is an extremely important field to try before pursuing as a career.

Join us at Penn this summer to see if law is right for you. [Apply today](#) or contact us for more info.

Become a leader in business



Effective leaders must be technologically savvy and master skills that encompass local, national, and international issues to influence organizational and social change. During the Global Leadership & Social Change Institute, students develop the knowledge, skills, and practical tools to be a leader in business, education, and beyond.

Choose from 2 great locations:

1. [Pace University, New York City](#) Live in lower Manhattan in the brand new 182 Broadway residence hall and participate in the 3 week institute for optional college credit.
2. [University of Michigan, Ann Arbor](#) Live in the recently renovated Mosher-Jordan residence hall at Michigan and choose from the 2 or 3 week session.

Got questions? Contact us.

516.621.3939 or info@summerdiscovery.com

Are you the next fashion icon?



Let [Discovery Internships](#) jump start your fashion career. Our internships offer hands-on opportunities for high school students to work with small to medium sized businesses and experience fashion in action.

In previous summers, students have coordinated fashion shows, organized collections, taken part in photo shoots, gathered press contacts, written blogs and product descriptions, and more.

Check out what Jessica K. had to say about her fashion internship in [London](#): "I was made to feel like a team member immediately. Throughout my internship, my tasks included gathering American press contacts so that the business could expand to the US, packaging orders and sending them out, putting together Pinterest pages, and writing product copies and descriptions for the new website. I felt appreciated, valued, and like a big part of the team."

Apply now or check out our other internship industries available in [Los Angeles](#), [Boulder](#), [New York](#), [Boston](#), and [London](#).

George Washington University: High school students in the Pre-College Program benefit tremendously from GW's expertise in global development, international relations, public policy and administration, politics, diplomacy, history, biomedical engineering, museum studies and the arts. For more information visit www.precollege.gwu.edu

Ithaca College: Summer College gives high school students the chance to experience the kind of uncommon and inventive course they'll take as an undergraduate. Explore American art, and culture, learn professional skills, and get a one-week preview of college life in one of our expert-led workshops. For more information visit www.ithaca.edu/summercollege.

Johns Hopkins University Engineering Innovation Program- June 21-July 22. College level 4 week summer program for motivated high school students with an aptitude in math and science and an interest in engineering. Students will complete labs in computer engineering, chemical engineering, electrical engineering, material science, civil engineering, robotics, and mechanical engineering. Students can earn 3 JHU college credits upon successful completion of the program. Prerequisites – Algebra 2, Trigonometry, a Lab Science. For more information and to apply, go to <http://engineering.jhu.edu/ei>.

Terp Young Scholars Program - July 10-29: For rising high school seniors, juniors, and sophomores, the summer of 2016 is your opportunity to experience college life at the University of Maryland and earn three university credits. Learn more at <http://yosp.umd.edu>

Washington University in St. Louis: Summer Scholars Program and Summer Institutes. Scholarship assistance available. For more information visit <http://summerexperiences.wustl.edu>.

The American Legion – 2016 MD Boys State Program will be held at McDaniel College from June 19–25, 2016. The program’s aim is to expose current high school juniors to the United States Constitutional form of government. For more information visit www.mdlegion.org/boysstate.htm.

American Legion Auxiliary – 2016 Girls State Program will be held at Salisbury University from June 21-26, 2016. ALA Girls State is a unique and exciting government-in-action learning program in which Auxiliary members guide young women to become knowledgeable stewards of freedom, democracy and patriotic citizens. For more information visit www.boysandgirlsstate.org/girls.html

ASSE – International Student Exchange Programs provide students an opportunity to study abroad in the 2016-2017 school year. Programs include Academic Year and Semester, Three-Month, Summer Homestay, Adventure and Language Programs to countries throughout Europe, Asia and the Americas. Visit www.asse.com for additional information.

Boston University: Pre-College Programs for high school students. Visit www.bu.edu/summer/highschool

Randolph-Macon Academy: Enrichment Summer School and Flight Camp. All programs run July 3-29. Register at rma.edu/summer-school,

The Catholic University of America: Experiences in Architecture, Pre-College Summer Workshop. Applications due by April 15. <http://architecture.cua.edu/other-programs/experiences-in-architecture.cfm>

The Oxford Royale Thomas Garner Scholarships: Oxford Royale Academy is delighted to be offering a limited number of scholarships and bursaries for our upcoming 12 week Gap Year Research Projects. These scholarships offer a unique opportunity for students aged 18 - 25 to study in Oxford for 3 months, working in small groups with our expert faculty. Academically-minded, driven students from any country of the world and have an excellent academic record and a demonstrable passion for their chosen subject. Apply at www.oxford-royale.co.uk/international-study-centre/gap-year/projects

Scholarships:

Scholarships are advertised on Naviance. Go to the following website:
<http://connection.naviance.com/brunswickhi>

- Username: Student ID #
- Password: Student ID#

TEST DATES:**SAT 2015-2016** (at Governor Thomas Johnson HS)

Test Date: June 4 Registration Deadline: May 5 Late Registration Deadline: May 25
Learn more, register and get free practice at www.sat.collegeboard.org

ACT 2015 – 2016 (at Tuscarora HS)

Test Date: June 11 Registration Deadline: May 6 Late Registration Deadline: May 20
Sign up at www.actstudent.org/start

RESOURCES:

Academic Common Market (ACM): The Southern Regional Education Board's (SREB) Academic Common Market (ACM) allows students to pursue degrees in selected out-of-state programs at the in-state tuition rates. Students can choose from some 1,800 degree programs from 150 colleges and universities across the South. Participating in the ACM program is easy and free, requiring only that a student be certified as a legal resident of one of the 16 member states (Maryland is included) of the SREB and be admitted to an eligible program. For more details and to review a complete list of programs available, visit the ACM website at http://www.sreb.org/page/1304/academic_common_market.html ACT: Access ACT test dates, register and test prep material. www.actstudent.org.

Career One Stop: - Search more than 7,000 scholarships. Learn about certifications, financial aid, use a resume guide, and find salary info. For more information, go to www.careerinfonet.org. - Frederick County Workforce Services, www.frederickworks.com, is part of the national network of career one-stops. They provide services to adults and youth job seekers locally. For youth services, specifically, go to the Frederick County Workforce Services website and click on Youth. - Information on all Career One-Stop locations within the state of Maryland can be found at the Maryland Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation website, www.dllr.state.md.us. - Need help finding language for resumes or just exploring careers visit O*NET Online, <http://www.onetonline.org/>.

Central Scholarship: Central Scholarship awards nearly \$1 million in scholarships each year. With more than 30 different programs, we have funding opportunities for students at every level, from career and technology training, to undergraduate degrees, all the way through graduate and professional school. Students can receive up to \$10,000 a year, and up to \$40,000 lifetime. - See more at: <http://www.central-scholarship.org>

College Board Website: You can access resources for college searches, student aid, AP and SAT information at the following website: www.collegeboard.com

College Exam Preparation Service: The Frederick County Virtual School (FCVS) will provide access to a comprehensive online College Exam Preparation (CEP) website for a nominal fee. This service can be accessed by current FCPS high school students. FCVS staff will provide assistance for technical issues.

Common Applications: Many colleges/universities allow students to apply with a "Common Application" (not all do – please check). If you are interested in using this application, you will need to apply on line at the following address: www.commonapp.org .

Financial Aid: Every college offers a variety of financial aid – awards may be scholarships (either need-based or merit), Grants, Loans and Work Study Jobs. Colleges will not make financial aid awards until students are first admitted to college. Therefore, students should apply for admission and check with the financial aid office, as well as the department of your subject matter for financial aid opportunities. All students and their parents can fill out a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) any time after January 1 of their senior year

and submit the application online at www.fafsa.ed.gov. Also, check with each college and fill out any college financial aid applications that are required.

- **Student Aid on the Web** at www.studentaid.ed.gov – In-depth information on federal student aid programs, how to prepare for college, types of aid you can receive, do you qualify for aid, how to apply and manage loans. Conduct college and scholarship searches, estimate college costs, and track and compare financial award letters.
- YouTube: www.youtube.com/collegedotgov -Inspirational videos from peers, advice from current college students, etc. Maryland

Workforce Exchange: Maryland's one-stop on the internet for information and services if you are a business filling a job opening or a job seeker looking for a job or developing a career plan. Information about the labor market, training providers, and education programs are also available. For more information, go to <https://mwejobs.maryland.gov/>

MDGO4IT Website: <http://www.mdgo4it.mhec.maryland.gov>. The newly launched website targets high school students to help with college planning and preparation. The interactive website weaves students through a virtual college campus, providing specific information on college planning, financial aid, and life on campus.

Merit Aid: Helps students find merit-based scholarship opportunities before they apply to college. MeritAid.com is the first comprehensive web site dedicated to helping students with the college search by matching them to merit-based scholarships from across the country. Visit www.meritaid.com for more information.

Mike Rowe Works Foundation: Learn about scholarships, local job opportunities, apprenticeships, education opportunities, financial aid info, trade associations, SkillsUSA scholarships, and relevant trade news. For more information, go to www.mikeroweworks.com

My Next Move: My Next Move has tasks, skills, salary info, apprenticeship info, educational requirements and info on over 900+ careers. For more information, go to www.mynextmove.org Naviance is a web-based resource for staff, students, and parents that encourages and

Naviance: is a web-based resource for staff, students, and parents that encourages and supports post high school career and college planning. Family Connection is the student's side of the system and is linked with Naviance Succeed, the counselor's system. How can it be used?

*Career Planning: Learning Style Inventory, Interest Inventory, Personality Inventory, Resume Building

*College Planning: College Search, Application Process, College Major Exploration, Scholarship/Financial Aid Resources

* Success Planning: Personalized Goals and Tasks, Journal Entries, Student Planner, Shared Documents

Go to the following website: <http://connection.naviance.com/brunswickhi>

* Username: Student ID #

*Password: Student ID#

Net Price Calculator: The Net Price Calculator (NPC) is an online tool that provides estimates of college costs for prospective students, based on a set of inputs such as family income, size, and assets. THE NPC calculates estimated grant and scholarship aid and subtracts that total from the college's cost of attendance, resulting in an estimated net price. NPC then goes the next step and subtracts the student's estimated loans/financial aid to determine the estimated remaining cost. For more information, go to <http://netpricecalculator.collegeboard.org>

New College Resource: www.WhatWillTheyLearn.com rates 700+ colleges and universities on whether or not they require seven core subjects – composition, literature, foreign language, U.S. Government or History, economics, mathematics, or natural or physical science. The idea behind the website is that students typically

find themselves in careers not related to their major and/or change careers up to 10 times in their lifetime, so having a solid education is critical to success. What Will They Learn believes that having students be required to take courses in the seven core subjects better prepares them to compete in the global market place, be effective leaders, and be life-long learners. Scores for each school reflects how many of each of the seven core courses are required at that institution. This is an excellent resource but keep in mind that it is evaluating ONLY whether or not the school requires courses in the seven core subjects, and not the school as a whole. Use this site as a supplemental tool when evaluating colleges and universities, not as a scoring tool to determine the overall effectiveness of the school.

New Website for College-bound Students with Disabilities: A new website – <http://www.going-to-college.org> – has been developed to help high school students learn about living college life with a disability. The site provides video clips, activities, and resources that can help students get a head start in planning for college. Video interviews with college students with disabilities offer a way to hear first-hand from students with disabilities who have been successful. Modules include activities that will help students explore more about themselves, learn what to expect from college, and equip them with important considerations and tasks to complete when planning for college.

SAT Skills Insite: This website is designed to assist and encourage students as they prepare to take the SAT. It gives high school students a better understanding of what is tested on the SAT. It provides real SAT questions and answers, suggestions for improvement, and guidance on how the student can sharpen their skills. It is a free online resource that is available to all students before they take their first SAT and prepare to re-take the SAT. <http://collegeboard.com/satskillsinsight>.

School Soup: SchoolSoup.com: Online scholarship search site. Over \$32 billion in scholarships. Free of charge and completely safe – student email addresses are not sold to any third parties. Go to www.schoolsoup.com.

Selective Service: A reminder that under federal law, virtually all men must register with Selective Service within 30 days of their 18th birthday. Students can register on-line at www.sss.gov.

Study Skills & Test Taking Strategies: Frederick Community College is offering Study Skills, Test Taking, and SAT Prep classes this fall. Provides essential tips, tools, and strategies to get ahead of the curve. Affordable group and semi-private courses. To register, go to <http://frederick.augusoft.net>.

US Department of Education: The US Department of Education has launched a new website that aims to motivate students with inspirational stories and information about planning, preparing, and paying for college. Designed with students' input and participation, college.gov is a good go-to online resource for credible information about college that also provides real life experiences of peers who are already attending college. Visit www.college.gov for more information.

Way2GoMaryland: The University System of Maryland's (USM's) statewide free information campaign to encourage more students to begin preparing for college early. Visit www.way2gomaryland.org.

Work Permits: There are new directions for minors (ages 14-17) wishing to get a work permit.

1) Complete the on-line application: <https://www.dllr.state.md.us/childworkpermit> .

2) Print the work permit.

3) Get the work permit signed by the minor (student), parent or legal guardian and employer (work permits are only valid when signed by all parties)

English Department News

The Senior English classes just finished their required Senior Interviews in the Media Center on Wednesday. Dressed and groomed for their interviews, students came back having learned a great deal about the process.

Their comments reflect their surprise, their confidence, and their hopes.

“Be prepared!” –Dakota Reeves

“Think it as a conversation, not a test.” –Jack Cummings

“Expect questions that have nothing to do with the job...vacations... .” –Devan Ahalt

“Quick Tip: Volunteer to go first! It shows initiative!” –Janalene Phillips

“Great experience!” –Alexis Myers

“Look good. Feel good.” –Noah Giffit

“Interviewers really look for well-constructed, out-of-the-box answers to their questions.” –Eno Baffoe

“Not what I expected in terms of the attitude and excitement...all interviewers were very nice and excited to be talking to us.” –Allie White

“Oh, my goodness!” –Ryan Dinges

It is our BHS goal in this project to make our students as “competitively marketable” as any students in the surrounding counties. This activity takes them one step closer to being a valuable employee for some great business or enterprise.

Math Department News

PARCC is here!

PARCC testing will begin next month. Please refer to the schedule below to see when your child will be testing. Semester 2 classes only, except where noted.

Common Core Algebra 1 Honors – May 17, 20, 25

Common Core Algebra 1B – May 16, 19, 24

Common Core Geometry (JUNIORS ONLY, BOTH SEMESTERS) – May 17, 20, 25

Common Core Algebra 2 (Merit & Honors) – May 17, 20, 25

PARCC has released new materials to help students prepare for the assessments. Head to parconline.org to see what is available to students and parents.

TUTORING AVAILABLE!

Parents and students are reminded that Brunswick offers after school tutoring through BELL on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 2:30 - 4:00. The program includes access to a late bus. BHS staff members are available for tutoring in all major subject areas. Students are encouraged to attend BELL to improve grades, complete assignments and assessments, and review for SATs, AP tests, PARCC tests and HSAs. Online materials are available to help students prepare for all of these major assessments. BELL will be held on the following dates: April 19, 20, and 27; May 3, 4, 10, 11, 24, 25, and 31.

Social Studies Department Update

The Social Studies department at Brunswick High School will be offering Advanced Placement Exam Reviews at the following times for the following subjects:

Psychology: after school every Tuesday

United States History: *After School:* April 21, April 27, May 3; *during Railroader Connections:* April 14, April 19, April 21, April 25, May 2, May 3, May 4, May 5 (see Mr. Brennan to be requested)

World History: after school every Tuesday and Thursday

Does your student need extra help with their Government studies or tutoring to pass the H.S.A.? Every Tuesday and Wednesday tutoring is available at B.E.L.L., beginning at 2:30. For more information contact Mr. Skena at michael.skena@fcps.org

The Social Studies department sponsors numerous extracurricular activities that support our school and curricular goals. We are currently forming groups for the 2016-2017 school year to participate in Model United Nations, Mock Trial, National History Day, Frederick County Association of Student Councils, Student Page for the House of Delegates, Law Day and Federal Reserve Challenge. For more information about any of these activities contact Mr. Skena at michael.skena@fcps.org

Business Education

On Wednesday, April 13th Brunswick business students competed in the first annual StartUp Frederick, a shark tank style entrepreneurial competition. Emilee Stepoulos, Amanda Gaynor and Sveta Jeffers presented their idea; Enduracharge, a sneaker with a small portable charger included. Two other entrepreneur teams presented their ideas during an hour long open house; Rosie Cicmanec, Alayna Grossnickle, Shayna Heffner and Alexis Bruchey.

Meritorious Service Learning

Have you helped somebody this year? Provided a service for free? Do you volunteer in your community? Then please fill out the Meritorious Service Learning form to get credit for your volunteer service. Forms are available from the transition office (room 113) or you may download them from Mr. Beavan's webpage on the BHS website. Please have the forms completed with the appropriate signatures and return to the transition office ASAP. You may apply for recognition for any volunteer service you have done since you began high school. Seniors with 50 or more meritorious service hours will be recognized during the Senior Awards Assembly.

For more information please contact Mr. Beavan in room 113 or 240-236-8555, or Robert.beavan@fcps.org.

Art & Music Departments News

Visual Arts

Spring is here which means lots of art shows and competitions. Chayanne Darby, Anna Porcellia, Eva Truitt, Rielly Carroll, Jill Allen, Makenzie Schnur and Kayli Williams each have a piece entered in the upcoming Congressional Art Competition! Winners will be announced on April 28th. Good luck to all!

This year we are thrilled to welcome ARTOMATIC back to Frederick. Our own BHS students, along with high school students from LHS, OHS, WHS, FHS, THS, St. Johns Academy, and New Life Christian Academy will

have 2-d and 3-d work on display.

Artomatic runs for 6 weeks - from May 7th- June 12th.

On **May 14th** there will be a special **COLLEGE DAY**. Area colleges will come to talk with all interested people about the art programs (Visual and Performing) that their schools have to offer.

Want to know more about what's going on? Go to artomaticfrederick.org to see calendars, performance schedules, special events and information about the participating artists.

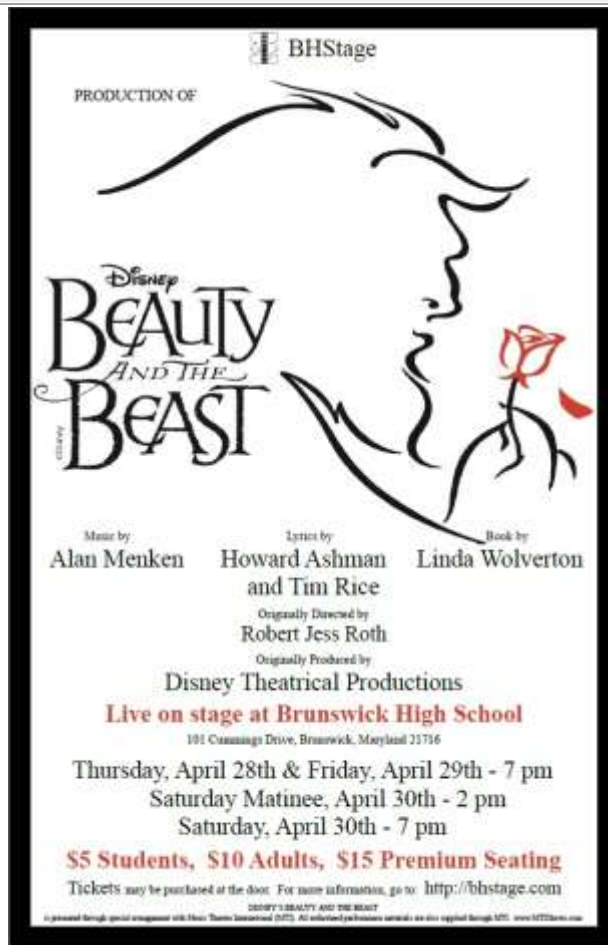
Keep April 29th open for our annual Evening with the Arts! We will be holding an Empty Bowls Ice Cream Social to benefit the Brunswick Food Bank along with our gallery of student artwork, creation stations and flower arranging. Your donation of \$10 will get you a student made bowl and some delicious ice cream graciously supplied by our FFA. 100% of your donation goes to the Brunswick food bank. The event starts at 5:00pm and runs until 6:30 at which time the doors open for the musical. So come out and enjoy an Evening with the Arts!

We have recently joined the Twitter world so please follow us at BHS Arts @BHSArts to see what our creative students are doing!

Music

" After receiving a rating of 'Superior' at the Frederick County Band Festival, the concert band will be traveling to Morgan State University to perform in the Maryland State Band Festival on April 26th. Our concert is the following week on May 5th at 7pm. We will playing music some of the music from our Adjudication performances, so definitely try and make it out if you can!"

Theatre Department Happenings



From the World of World Languages

World Language students are conjugating Spanish verbs, declining Latin nouns, and translating ancient Roman text! Students are engaged in Spanish conversations and learning about the different cultures of Latin America. Others are learning about gladiators, the monuments of Rome and will soon learn about the eruption of Mt. Vesuvius in Pompeii. The languages are alive at BHS!

This month's rising superhero is Cory Harman! Cory is an attentive listener and always has an interesting comment to add to the class. He asks questions when he needs to and always tries his best; it is really paying off! Way to go Cory!

This month's shining superhero is Amelia White. Amelia worked tirelessly on our Odyssey project, making the entire map project to aid her classmates. Bravo Amelia!

Special Education Department News

Spring has sprung and fourth term has begun. The weather is getting warmer, and the days are getting longer which makes it easy for students to get distracted. Please encourage all students to keep the following tips in mind as we enter the home stretch:

1. Get organized and stay organized.
2. Complete quality work and homework. Be proud of everything you turn in.
3. Ask questions and have frequent conversations with your teachers.
4. Get extra help when you need it. Don't forget about Railroader Connections and BELL Tutoring.
5. Be responsible for your own learning. Check HAC often and turn assignments in on time.

Parents: Your Feedback Matters

“We all need people who will give us feedback. That’s how we improve.” ~Bill Gates

The Maryland Special Education Parent Involvement Survey is now available online. This survey is being conducted by the Maryland State Department of Education, Division of Special Education/Early Intervention Services. All parents or guardians of children ages 3 to 21 who are currently receiving special education and related services through their local school system are encouraged to participate. The purpose of the survey is to determine how well your child’s school is partnering with you and promoting parent involvement in your child’s education. Your feedback will help guide efforts to improve special education and related services within the state of Maryland and FCPS. The survey will be accessible until April 30, 2016 at <https://www.mdparentsurvey.com/>. This survey is completely anonymous and personal identifying information should not be included. Please contact your child’s case manager if you have questions.

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