



Brunswick High Newsletter February 2016

School Calendar

Date	Event
Friday, February 26	Mid-Term; 2-hour Early Dismissal for Students
Monday, March 7	Interims Issued
Monday, March 21 – Monday, March 28	School Closed – Spring Break

Dates and times are subject to change

From the Desk of Principal Doll

Scheduling season is upon us. Your child recently completed his/her registration sheet. We then enter their course selections to determine what classes we will offer next year. In the next several months we will begin to build our schedule for next year. It is a complex process as we try to meet the needs of our students. Last year, since class sizes were increased by 1 student, we have a number of classes this year with 38-40 students. We tried to offer a wide variety of classes but elective choices were cut because of the increase. We will most likely see the same trends next school year.

The beginning of second semester has been plagued with inclement weather which has made us feel as if we aren't in the "groove" yet. But before you know it, March will be here and so will the end of 3rd term. Please encourage your child to come to school and make every day count! Railroader Connections and BELL tutoring allow time for your child to get help with assignments. Please take advantage of these opportunities to work with our highly qualified staff.

Attendance: August-98.28%, September-95.25%, October 95.48%, November-93.70%, December-94.30% and January 95.10%. Thank you for sending your children to school!

Be careful out there! Our custodial staff has been salting our sidewalks morning and evening but icy, slick spots may still be on our walkways and parking lots especially after evening school events. Please walk with caution.

Sincerely,
Ms. Doll

BHS Food Pantry

BHS has a food pantry stocked with items for students who need food at home for the weekend, for families of students who are in need of assistance, and for students who have forgotten their lunches.

The pantry is operated on donations, and any non-perishable food items would be appreciated. Tuna, peanut butter, cereal, pasta, soups, canned ravioli or spaghetti, granola bars, individual packs of crackers, and bottles of water are particularly needed. All donations can be brought to the main office. Thank you so much for your generosity. If you know of a student or family in need, let us know so we can reach out to them.

Missing Something?

There are a large number of items on a lost and found table in the cafeteria. Students need to check for missing winter wear, backpacks, and lunch bags. Unclaimed items will be donated to charity in two weeks.

Guidance Office News

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.

AP EXAM REGISTRATION FORMS AND PAYMENT ARE DUE FRIDAY, MARCH 4TH!

Completed Registration forms and payment should be given to Mrs. Wilton in the Counseling Office. You **MUST** complete an AP Exam Registration form even if you pay online. If you have paid online, but do not complete a registration form, your AP exam will not be ordered!

LATE REGISTRATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED! NO EXCUSES, NO EXCEPTIONS!

COLLEGE OPEN HOUSES OPPORTUNITIES

The University of Houston invites your students to experience the excitement of UH firsthand at Cougar Preview — our largest open house held twice each year — **Saturday, April 2, 2016!**

AMDA (American Musical and Dramatic Academy): 2016 National Audition Tour has been schedule. Visit www.amda.edu for more information and audition dates and times.

Frostburg State University: Student-for-a-Day is being held on April 5th. Register at www.frostburg.edu/music

Christopher Newport University: March 19th Open House. RSVP at www.campusvisit.cnu.edu

Illinois Wesleyan University: March 5th Open House for Music Auditions. Visit www.iwu.edu/music/admissions

Kettering University: Open House on March 12

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

University of North Carolina at Greensboro: 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 the campus. There are multiple dates. Visit www.phys.vt.edu/students/day-in-physics-students.shtml and select a day to visit.

OPPORTUNITIES:

FCPS Arts and Communications Academy is accepting applications for the 2016-2017 school year. Auditions dates are April 29th and May 27th by appointment. Please visit <http://sites.fcps.org> or contact ACA Coordinator Jason Patellis at 240-236-8346 or email at Jason.Petrillis@fcps.org

ASSE - International Student Exchange Programs – Visit www.asse.com for more information and application.

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.

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.

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

FCPS holds Women in Science and Engineering (WISE) meetings monthly at the Earth Space Science Lab, 210 Madison Street. Open to all female FCPS high school students, meetings run from 7 PM to 8:15 PM and feature a female STEM professional as a guest speaker each month. WISE encourages girls to consider pursuing careers in science and engineering. For more information please visit <http://education.fcps.org/sciencesec/node/11> Wednesday, February 11 Thursday, March 26 Wednesday, April 22

National College Fair: Montgomery County, April 21 from 9:45-12:45 and 6:30 – 8:30. April 22 from 9:45 – 12:45. Montgomery County Agricultural Center, Gaithersburg, MD. RSVP: www.nacacnet.org/ncfstudent Penn State Mont Alto: On February 25, 2015 American Mathematics Contests 10 and 12, mathematics competitions for high school students administered by the Mathematical Association of America. The contest is free for participants, but preregistration is required at esn1@psu.edu. For more information see amc.maa.org about the AMC.

University of Maryland: Young Scholars Program offers a selection of rigorous courses that are at the cutting-edge of theory, thought, and technology. Courses are taught by UMD faculty and enriched with field trips and guest speakers. July 12-31, 2015. Visit www.ysp.umd.edu for more information or email ysp@umd.edu.

Washington DC Joint Steamfitting: Applications for an apprenticeship in Heating, AC, Refrigeration, Process Piping and Environmental Systems Trades will be accepted in person only. For a full list of 2015 application drop off dates and times, visit www.steamfitters-602.org .

AmeriCorps: Full time, team based residential service program for young adults who want to give back to their communities in need at different locations across the country. For 10 months you'll work on projects such as engaging youth, building and rehabbing home, 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 1-800-942-2677 or email anccc@cns.gov.

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

Moving Mountains Speaker Series Wednesdays from 7-8pm at FCC JBK Performing Arts Center. Hear from exceptional professionals on topics such as career, finances, relationships and life aspirations in this FREE speaker series. Upcoming dates: March 2 and April 13. For more information contact mpritchard@frederick.edu or call 301-846-2417.

Pittsburgh Institute of Aeronautics: 21 month programs offered by a premier post-secondary school of aviation maintenance and electronics governed by the Federal Aviation Administration.

The Oxford Royale Thomas Garner Scholarships: a limited number of scholarships and bursaries for out 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 expert faculty. Academically-minded, driven students from any country of the work and have an excellent academic record and a passion for their chosen subject should apply: www.oxford-royale.co.uk/international-study-centre/gap-year-projects.

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 www.sreb.org/acm.asp

Career One Stop: Search over 7,000 scholarships, loans, and other financial aid opportunities, a certification finder, resume guide, salary info, and more. Go to www.careerinfo.net.org then click on Scholarship Search under career tools.

CareerNet: CareerNet is 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 program is also part of Career Net's universe of employment resources. For more information, go to www.careernet.state.md.us.

College Board Website: You can access resources for college searches, student aid 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, applying for financial aid, and repaying student loans. Conduct college and scholarship searches, estimate college costs, and track and compare financial award letters.

- College Preparation Checklist at www.studentaid.ed.gov/collprep explains how to prepare academically and financially for college through “to do” lists. Information about federal aid, what to do at FAFSA filing time, and looking for scholarships is included.

- Do You Need Money for College? Federal Student Aid at a Glance at www.studentaid.ed.gov/pubs - overview of federal aid. Basic information on student eligibility, the application process, and aid programs and annual maximum amounts.

- YouTube: www.youtube.com/collegedotgov - Inspirational videos from peers, advice from current college students, etc.

Frederick County Youth Action Corps (YAC): The Frederick County YAC promotes youth service and leadership, and encourages youth to make a difference in the community. YAC is a group of dedicated middle and high school youth who are committed to service in the county. The group works closely with Volunteer Frederick, the local Volunteer Center, to help coordinate and participate in local service projects. The YAC Leadership Team meets monthly to identify community needs, then design and implement service learning projects to meet those needs. If you are interested in learning more about the YAC, please contact Stacey, Ali, or Keila at Volunteer Frederick – 301- 663-5214, Ext. 2 or email YAC@volunteerfrederick.org.

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: MeritAid.com 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: 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 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.4

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

Username: Student ID #

Password: Last 2 digits of birth year, first initial (capitalize) and last name (capitalize the first letter and the rest is lower case)

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 www.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 as they prepare to re-take the SAT. Please visit: <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 www.frederick.edu/quickenroll

The Central Scholarship Bureau: The CBS is a private nonprofit organization that provides grants, scholarships, and interest free loans to Maryland students attending college and vocational school. CBS has been in existence since 1924 and is supported by private donors and community foundations. CBS now offers more than 20 scholarship and grant opportunities and last year awarded approximately \$800,000 in student loans. For more information, visit www.centrlsb.org or email info@centrlsb.org.

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.

U.S. Service Academy: All the U.S. Service Academies (except the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy) offer a free college education. Complete nomination packets are due by November 6. Applications for a nomination are available at www.cardin.senate.gov

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) During the 2014 session, the Maryland General Assembly passed House Bill 467 that modified the requirements that must be met before a minor work permit can be issued. The change requires the minor's parent or guardian to certify that the age on the minor work permit is correct rather than producing proof of age to an issuing officer. This change allows the Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation to grant applicants the ability to download and print a work permit directly from the application.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Will you need money to help fund college or training after high school?

The Community Foundation of Frederick County has \$1 million available in scholarships for the 2016-2017 academic year.

The online application opens March 30 through April 30, 2016 at www.ScholarshipsFrederickCounty.com.

Find out how to can apply for 250+ scholarships by attending an information session hosted by the Community Foundation (dates below).

RSVP to office.assistant@FrederickCountyGives.org.

February 22, 2016	Walkersville High School Commons Area	6:30 – 7:30	
February 25, 2016*	Frederick High School Heritage Room	6:30 - 7:30 p.m.	*(Snow date March 3, 2016)
March 8, 2016	Middletown High School Auditorium	7:00 - 7:30 p.m.	

College Specific FIDM: Awards over \$300,000 in scholarship through their National Scholarship Program. For more Scholarship information visit www.fidm.edu/go/fidmscholarships

Towson University: Fisher Scholarship- For Math and Science Students. Full Coverage of in-state tuition and fees for the academic year, renewable for up to four years. www.towson.edu/fisherscholarships

SCAD (Savannah College of Art and Design): \$20,000 per year award applied to SCAD tuition. Students must be recommended by a teacher or counselor. Once all your SCAD admissions requirements are completed, including a transcript and portfolio by February 15, a nomination must be sent to Nomination@scad.edu.

West Virginia University: Mining Engineering majors have the ability to earn a departmental scholarship of at least \$2000 per year. Come to the Counseling Office for more information.

The Jacobson Institute is hosting a [BizInnovator Competition](#) for ANY high school student in grades 9-12. You don't need a business background to compete!

Competitors Need:

- Motivation
- Passion
- Good Idea

You can compete using a new or existing business/invention/innovation idea OR build off an innovation developed from an existing program.

Deadline to submit application and 1-page executive summary is **Friday, April 29, 2016.**

\$3,000 in cash prizes will be given away!

Summer Opportunities

2015 American Legion Boys State: Held at McDaniel College from June 21-27. Offers high school

JUNIORS exposure to the United States Constitutional form of government. Strongly recommended for young men intending to apply for a service academy appointment. See Mrs. Tuckey in the Counseling Office by May 15 if you are interested. For more information and the application go to <http://www.mdlegion.org/boysstate.htm> or to your

2015 American Legion Girls State: Held at Salisbury University from June 21-26. Offers high school JUNIORS the experience to become knowledgeable of the democratic process and how our republic form of government works at the state and national levels. For more information go to <http://alamd.org/GirlsState.html> or contact Auxiliary at hq@alamd.org or 410- 242-9519. See Mrs. Tuckey in the Counseling Office by May 15 if you are interested.

Johns Hopkins University Summer Program at Tuscarora High School: The Johns Hopkins University Whiting School of Engineering is excited to bring our summer program, Engineering Innovation, to Tuscarora High School from June 29 through July 24, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Prerequisites are Algebra II with knowledge of trigonometry, a lab science, and experience with a spreadsheet application. The cost is \$2400 and they have limited financial assistance available. The online application will be available starting February 1, 2015. Visit <http://engineering-innovation.jhu.edu> for more information and application.

Oxbridge Academic Programs: Summer study for students ages 14-18 in various countries. Visit www.oxbridgeprograms.com

Summer Study Programs: Action packed pre-college and study abroad programs for high school students at 4 locations. Visit www.summerstudy.com

Washington University in St. Louis: High School Summer Scholar Program enables students to take college classes for credit. Students may enroll in 2 courses, foreign language, math, science, humanities and social science. Sessions run June 7- July 11 and June 12 – 14. For more information go to www.summerexperiences.wustl.edu

Waynesburg University: Sports Announcing Camp, June 15 – 19. Students will learn and practice the skills necessary to become a successful sportscaster, including play-by-play, reporting, interviewing and sports talk. Register at www.waynesburg.edu/sportsannouncingcamp . Only 40 slots available.

Testing Dates

SAT

Test dates, registration and free practice at www.sat.org or www.sat.org/register

ACT

Test dates and registration: www.actstudent.org/start

College Exam Preparation Services: 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. Go to <https://education.fcps.org/flex/cep> for more information.

Students in Mr. Shupp's Film Studies class have begun the semester by using technology and social media to practice film shots and share them with their classmates and "the world." Students took full shots, medium shots, and close-up shots during class; and they then used Twitter to share these images. As the semester progresses, students will create music videos and short student films in addition to viewing and analyzing various types of cinema. Brunswick High School junior Evan Walser stated, "I can't watch a film now without considering the angles. I now know why they chose to film a character the way they did." Mr. Shupp and his class are looking forward to a great semester!



Math Department News

Quick reminder: the BHS Mathematics Department has a small number of graphing calculators that students can check out for the semester. Forms for checking out calculators can be found on the BHS website. Please contact Heather McCabe at heather.mccabe@fcps.org with questions.

While selecting courses for next year (in high school or college!), remember the following from the book *Mathematical Mindsets* by Jo Boaler:

"Taking math courses matters. Research studies have established that the more math classes students take, the higher their earnings ten years later, with advanced math courses predicting an increase in salary as high as 19.5% ten years after high school. Research has also found that students who take advanced math classes learn ways of working and thinking -- especially learning to reason and be logical -- that make them more productive in their jobs. Students taking advanced math learn how to approach mathematical situations so that once they are employed, they are promoted to more demanding and more highly paid positions than those who did not take mathematics to advanced levels."

News from the Social Studies Department

BHS Social Studies to Offer New Courses

The social studies department at BHS is offering two new courses for the 2016-2017 school year. The first of these courses, *Media Literacy in the Information Age*, will task students with analyzing the important and ever-changing role that media has on our lives. Students will learn how to evaluate media and to become active consumers of media. This course is very relevant to the world that today's students live in and promises to be an exploration into the real world. The second

new course, *Law and Society*, explores and examines controversial issues that exist in our society and justice system. Students will be given the opportunity to express their opinions and viewpoints on societal issues and will learn to think critically about the world they live in.

In addition to our new courses we will continue to offer other popular electives, including Philosophy of Knowledge and World War II. Lastly, we will again offer four Advanced Placement courses to challenge the dedicated learner; AP Human Geography, AP Psychology, AP World History and AP United States History.

Career & Technology Department News

Each year, FFA chapters around the country celebrate National FFA Week. The week-long tradition began in 1947 when the National FFA Board of Directors designated the week of George Washington's birthday as National FFA Week in recognition of his legacy as an agriculturist and farmer. The first National FFA Week was held in 1948. This year, FFA Week runs from February 20-27 and encompasses Feb. 22, Washington's birthday. The Brunswick High School FFA Chapter will be joining over 620,000 other FFA members across the nation in celebrating National FFA Week. Chapter FFA members planned many FFA Week activities including hosting a luncheon on Tuesday Feb. 23 for BHS staff members, hosting a Cornhole Tournament for members on Thursday Feb. 25 and Movie Night on Feb. 26.

The Horticulture classes are busy growing annual bedding plants, herbs and vegetable in the BHS greenhouse. The students will be selling Marigolds, Petunias, Geraniums, Begonias, Coleus, Impatiens, Basil, Dill, Tomatoes and many other plants to sell to the public beginning in April 2016.

Art Department News

March is Youth Art month. Be sure to check out the Frederick All-County Student Art Exhibit at the Delaplaine Visual Arts Center from March 5th to the 27th. Madison Harlow, Jessie Carter, and Wayne Gilley each have a piece in the show. We will again be having our Evening with the Arts this spring along with the Empty Bowls to benefit the Brunswick Food Bank. This year it will be an ice cream social! Look for more details to come!

From the World of World Languages

The World Language Department is excited to start the new semester! Students can be heard speaking Spanish enthusiastically, singing endings in Latin and learning about new and different cultures. Each month we like to highlight a student who is a "rising superhero" and a "shining superhero". It is very difficult to decide since we view all our students as superheros in their own ways!

Rising Superhero - Catherine Goodman! Cati has worked very hard to improve her Latin and it has really paid off! She was able to go from a struggling student to one of the top translators in the class, due to her hard work and dedication to improving. Her attention to detail and willingness to ask questions makes her a stand out student and great role model for her classmates. Great job, Cati!

Shining Superhero -

Brett Lazo! Brett has always put forth his best effort in Latin. He works diligently in the classroom and at home. His hard work has led to a great increase in his Latin translation abilities. Keep up the great

work, Brett!

Tips from the Special Education Department

In just a few short months the end of the school year will be upon us. It's easy for students to get distracted when the warmer weather arrives. Pele, the retired Brazilian soccer player once said, "Success is no accident. It is hard work, perseverance, learning, studying, sacrifice, and most of all, love of what you are doing or learning to do." Students are encouraged to keep the following tips in mind as the weather gets warmer and the days get longer.

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.

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