



Brunswick High Newsletter November 2015

School Calendar

Date	Event
Monday 11/2	Term 2 Begins
Thursday 11/12	Report Cards Issued
Wednesday 11/18	How to Pay for College Night 7pm Media Center
Wednesday - Friday 11/25-27	Thanksgiving Break – School Closed
Saturday 12/5	December SAT
Tuesday 12/8	Mid-Term
Wednesday 12/9	2-Hour Early Dismissal for Students: Teacher Work Day
Saturday 12/12	December ACT
Wednesday 12/16	Interims Issued
Wednesday 12/23 – Friday 1/1	Schools Closed: Winter Break

Dates and times are subject to change

From the Desk of Principal Doll

BHS 2015-16 Goals:

One of our goals is to have yearly attendance be 94.5 or greater. That means a student cannot miss more than 7 days, lawful and/or unlawful. In September our attendance was 95.02% and in October it was 95.31%.

However, November has not been as strong a month so far. It is important for your child to come to school so we can instruct them, tutor them, encourage them and build positive relationships with them. We want them to be active learners and get involved in the many opportunities BHS has to offer.

Did you know:

- All teachers at BHS are highly qualified in their content area
- The marching band placed 8/23 at chapter competition
- Our cheerleaders competed at the local and regional levels
- We had 92 students receive B Awards.
- We had 54 students inducted into the NHS.
- Mikenna Rogowsky is the NHS vice president and will serve as president next year
- Judy O'Brien and Madison Harlow were selected for a juried art show at Shippensburg
- 411 tickets were sold for Homecoming Dance
- BHS students and staff are supporting 24 families (52 children) for Christmas

- BHS staff raised \$175 for Jeans for Troops
- BHS honored Veteran's Day by holding a flag raising program

Parent drop-off in the morning

As the weather gets colder, it is tempting to drop your child off closer to the door. However, to prevent problems in the staff parking lot, with buses and parents who need to drop off a child who may be on crutches, please use the parent drop-off circle in the lower lot unless it is after 8:00. Thank you!

Guidance Office News

- **DISCLAIMER:** FCPS provides scholarship information as a resource only and does not endorse or sponsor any particular scholarship program.
- College Fairs & Open Houses: Go to bhs.edu, Counseling Center Quick Links
- College Visits: See list and sign-up on Naviance.

OPPORTUNITIES

Carson Scholars Fund: The scholarship is an award of \$1000 held in trust until the recipient begins a four year college program. Carson Scholar Fund applicants must have a GPA of 3.75 or above on a 4.0 scale for this school year, and also have demonstrated humanitarian qualities in school and the community through volunteer work and/or community service above and beyond what is required. Students in grades 9 through 11 who are interested in becoming the nominee from Brunswick, and who are eligible for this scholarship, must sign up in the School Counseling Center no later than Friday, November 20. The student selected as the nominee from Brunswick will be required to submit an essay of at least 750 words on a specified subject as one of the criteria for the Carson Scholars Fund.

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.

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, 7 to 8 p.m. @FCC JBK Performing Arts Center. Hear from exceptional professionals on topics such as career, finances, relationships and life aspirations in this FREE speaker series. Dates – January 20, February 3, March 2, and April 13. For more information contact mpritchard@frederick.edu or call 301-846- 2417.

Women in Science and Engineering (WISE): Wednesdays, 7 to 8:15 p.m. @ the FCPS Earth and Space Science Lab. Featuring female STEM professionals as guest speakers. Dates –November 18th, December 9th, February 10th, March 9th, April 13th. For more information, go to <http://education.fcps.org/sciencesec/node/11>.

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 (FAA).
Steamfitters Local 602: Interested in serving an apprenticeship in the Heating, Air Conditioning, Refrigeration, Process Piping and Environmental Systems Trades, applications will be accepted in person only on the below dates and times. Visit www.steamfitters-602.org for more information (CB6)

- Maryland Location: 8:00 – 11:00 am – January 4, 6, 8. (UA Mechanical Trades School, 8509 Ardwick Ardmore Rd, Landover, MD 20785)

- Virginia Location: 8:00-11:00 am – January 11, 13, 15. (UA Steamfitters Local Union 602, 7552 Accotink Park Rd. Springfield, VA 22150)

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-y

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The U.S. Department of State Announces Scholarships for American High School Students to Study Abroad . The Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange Program (CBYX) offers merit-based scholarships for an academic year in Germany. The program was established in 1983 to celebrate German-American friendship based on common values of democracy. Students live with host families, attend local schools, and participate in community life in Germany. For more information and application deadlines, visit the organization in charge of recruitment for your state at <http://www.usagermanyscholarship.org/>. Deadlines for U.S. applicants range from December 1, 2015 to January 15, 2016, depending on state of residency.

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. To receive printed brochures and/or posters about our study abroad opportunities, send an email with your request to youthprograms@state.gov. 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>

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>

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 FCPSA high School Students. FCVS staff will provide assistance for technical issues. Go to: <https://education.fcps.org/flex/cep>. Spring registration period is open between 2/1-2/12.

SAT/ACT – Testing dates and registration deadlines can be found at www.sat.org/register and www.actstudent.org.

The redesigned SAT will be offered starting in March 2016. Please visit <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Yvz61GD0ej0> for information.

Practice for the redesigned SAT's visit <https://www.khanacademy.org/sat>.

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

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 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

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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 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/middleths>

- 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) 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 website. The new system began July 29. Minors are no longer required to obtain their work permit from an issuing officer.

New Brunswick High School television studio being in honor of beloved student

Brunswick High School's new theater arts and television production teacher Thomas Graff is seeking donations for a new broadcast studio being created in honor of Andy Garman, a beloved Brunswick High School student who passed away at 18 in April 2011.

Students will broadcast a live morning announcements show from the studio each morning. Teleprompters, a blue-screen weather wall and a news-style design will give the studio a distinctive look. A plaque commemorating Andy will greet visitors as they enter the studio.

“When I was sitting with the PTSA, the feeling seemed to be that this would be an appropriate and long lasting tribute to Andy; a place he would have loved to have spent his time and energy,” Graff said.

Garman distinguished himself from his peers during his time at BHS with a wide range of commitments to organizations including the drama department, the band and the It’s Academic competition team. He was also actively engaged in his local church and Boy Scout troop, where he earned the venerated rank of Eagle Scout. His friends remember him as optimistic, cheerful, intelligent, vibrant and energetic, bolstered by a healthy sense of self-confidence and a relentless drive for excellence.

“Andy was the kind of person who would always put a smile on your face,” said Benjamin Smith, Andy’s close friend who graduated from Brunswick High School in 2012. “Creating this studio in his honor is a testament to his dedication to the arts, from band to drama.”

In his nearly four years at BHS, Garman represented the pinnacle of what a student can achieve with a positive attitude and a diligent work ethic. Friends and relatives planted a tree in his honor outside the school in December 2011, and his memory lives on in conversations throughout the community. A studio created in his honor would serve as a reminder of his love for public speaking and his consistent willingness to expand his horizons and test out new talents.

Donations to the new studio would help fund the commemorative plaque and broadcasting equipment. **Tax deductible donations should be made out to BHS PTSA/Drama Memorial and sent to Brunswick High School, 101 Cummings Dr., Brunswick, MD 21716.**

BHS Conducts Fall Mock Senior Interviews

Ninety-Nine BHS Seniors participated in their Mock Senior Interviews on Wednesday, November 4, 2015. Each senior was engaged in a ten-to-fifteen minute conversation with an adult from the Frederick County Community.

A big “Thank You” to the fourteen adults who donated their time and effort to provide these students with a great practical experience: Jennifer Athey, Sona Bank; Molly Coughlan, Country Meadows Retirement Communities; Staff Sergeant Lucas Flores; Staff Sergeant Marybel Flythe; Sergeant Taylor L. Jewel, US Marines; Latrice Lewis, Frederick County Workforce Services; Robin Neary, BB&T bank; Sean O’Keefe, O’Keefe Legal Services, LLC; Bob Parks, District Manager for Roy Rogers Restaurants; Ed Sell, retired teacher; PW Shaffer, Vice President of Sandy Spring Bank; Terri Shank, Maryland Agricultural Education Foundation; Sergeant Corey Stone; Staff Sergeant Jeremiah Young; Sharon Zortman, Pittsburg Technical Institute.

Several businesses provided refreshments for the interviewers. We appreciate the donations from: Brunswick Roy Rogers Restaurant; Knoxville McDonalds; and Giant Eagle on West Patrick Street.

Finally we would like to recognize Mr. Eiler, Mrs. Hunter and Mr. Shupp for preparing the students.

Robert Beavan

Senior Interview Coordinator

“Up Next: Brunswick student receives compliment on professionalism during mock interview.”

--Amanda Danner

The Senior English classes completed their mock interviews on Wednesday, November 4. To the student, they came back to class, as some enlightened seniors claimed, “PUMPED!”

“My interviewer was friendly, respectful, and easy to talk to; he dissolved any nervousness I had within the first minute.” –Alexis Marceau

“After getting into the interview, it’s like having a normal conversation with a friend.”

—Noah Hawes

“...a great way to discover the confidence that an applicant has... .” --Maddie Douglas

“The interview went well, and I learned that eye contact is key.” --Justin Walls

“...learning how to act and talk during an interview is a valuable experience for any student who is planning on applying for a job.” –Emily Prendergast

“The job interview is only as challenging as you make it.” --Isaiah Naylor

“...beneficial for young adults... .” –Sarah Fout

“I learned what it’s like to be in a real-life interview.” --Trevor McFarland

“...a unique experience... .” --Dustin Statler

“I learned that during an interview you should try to put a positive spin on all our qualities.” --Thomas Bartholomew

Interviewers in the past have suggested that an interviewer makes a determination about whether the candidate is a “good prospect” or not in the first two to five minutes of the interview and spends the rest of the interview justifying that initial impression. That said, the students realized that they only have one chance at the “first impression.”

The English classes spent a week to a week and a half preparing for the interviews by studying the requirements for the resume, the cover letter, and the active participation in the interview process (responding to difficult questions and learning what questions to ask).

The interviewers evaluated each interviewee’s participation, giving them specific feedback on everything from dress to answering questions to student confidence-levels. This required senior activity provides BHS students with a rare opportunity to practice a skill they will need for a lifetime.

Math Department News

On October 13, female students from around the county went on a field trip to Hood College for Sonia Kovalevsky Day. Sonia Kovalevsky was a female mathematician in the 1800s who made many contributions to the field and helped to pave the way for other women mathematicians to follow in her footsteps. Five students from Brunswick High School went on this field trip. The students attended workshops and learned about the mathematics of forensic analysis, the biology of being average, Latin squares and their applications, and economics. They also listened to a career panel to learn about how women use math in their careers and what they can do now and in college in order to reach their goals. The career panel was made up of a research analyst, materials research engineer, senior associate business analyst, and a scientific operations manager. Students were given the opportunity to ask these women questions in order to gain insight into life after high school. The day proved to be very educational, enlightening, and fun for all who attended.

From the Yearbook

The 2016 yearbook is moving along. Celebrating the 50th anniversary of the school building we are including some “throwback” references in each section. We would like to include some past yearbook student photos alongside current students. If you attended BHS over the past 50 years, have a child or grandchild currently attending, and would like to be considered, please email your name and years attended along with the name of the student to donna.tucker@fcps.org. As always, any questions please contact Mrs. Tucker at 240-236-8656 or donna.tucker@fcps.org

Art Department News

Ceramics 1 students are currently working on learning to create projects using slab construction technique. Art 1 students just started their painting unit and are making radial designs to be painted as color wheels.

Band Happenings

After months of practice and hard work, the Brunswick Marching Band accomplished so much. They were the Region 5 Group 1 Chapter Champions, and finished the season 8th out of 23 at the Atlantic Coast Championship at Hershey Stadium. Now that the season is over we will start our collaborative Indoor Percussion and Color Guard program with Tuscarora High School, a group that in the past 3 years has been division champions twice. If you can, please come out and see a show, you won't be disappointed!

From the World of World Languages

The World Language Department is excited to announce this month's "Rising Superstar" and "Shining Superstar"...

Austin Stockman is a Rising Superstar in the World Language Department! He has put countless hours into becoming one of the highest achieving Latin students in his class. His work ethic makes him a great role model to his peers!

Isabelle Stepler and Loretta Donoghue are Spanish Shining Superstars! They voluntarily are tutoring their peers during our connection period in both Spanish I & II. This peer-tutoring is helping many superstars to rise and shine in foreign language!

Study Tip from the Special Education Department

Discover your learning style

Most people have a preferred way of learning. By learning your learning style you will be able to study in the ways you learn best.

- **Auditory learners** learn by listening. If you're an auditory learner you could try reading your notes aloud or discussing them with other people.
- **Visual learners** learn by seeing. If you're a visual learner you could use colors in your notes to highlight key information.
- **Tactile/kinesthetic learners** learn by doing. If you're a tactile/kinesthetic learner you could use methods like role-playing or building models to study key points.

Did you know? There are a number of free apps available to help with studying for every learning style. A quick search will reveal apps that can assist with making flash cards, track assignments, and much more!

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