



## Brunswick High Newsletter September 2015

### School Calendar

Date	Event
Tuesday 9/23	School Closed – Fair Day
Friday 9/25	2-Hour Early Dismissal
Saturday 10/3	SAT
Monday 10/5	Interims Issued
Wednesday 10/14	PSAT
Thursday 10/15	2-Hour Early Dismissal
Friday 10/16	School Closed – Teacher Work Day Homecoming Football Game
Saturday 10/17	Homecoming Dance
Saturday 10/24	ACT
Thursday 10/29	End of Term 1
Friday 10/30	School Closed – Teacher Work Day
Tuesday 11/26	School Closed-Thanksgiving Break

Dates and times are subject to change

### Guidance Office News

- **NAVIANCE**
  - Seniors should check Naviance regularly for new scholarships and check the BHS Website for upcoming College Open Houses and College Fairs.
  - Juniors & Seniors should click on the “College Visits” tab to sign-up to meet with representatives from colleges/universities.
  - To login to Naviance: Go to <http://connection.naviance.com/brunswickhi>
    - Username field: Enter your Student ID number
    - Password field: Enter your Student ID number
- **PSAT** - Students in the 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 11<sup>th</sup> Grades are invited to take the PSAT in preparation for the SAT. Juniors who take the PSAT are eligible for the National Merit Scholarship Program. Registration is open now through Wednesday, September 30<sup>th</sup>. Sign-up with Mrs. Wilton in the Counseling Office. The fee for the PSAT is \$15.00 and can be paid by cash, check or through the students’ School Cash Online account. **Counselors are urging all college-bound Juniors to take the PSAT.**
- **College-bound Seniors** – Counselors have met with Seniors (September 15<sup>th</sup>). 4-year college application process presentation can be found on the BHS website at

<http://education.fcps.org/bhs/node/370>.

- **SAT/ACT** – Testing dates and registration deadlines can be found at [www.sat.org/register](http://www.sat.org/register) and [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org).
- **How to Pay for College Night** – Wednesday, November 18, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the BHS Media Center. Seniors & Juniors who are planning to attend a 2 or 4 year college/university and their parents are encouraged to attend. Information on scholarships, loans, grants and completing the FAFSA form will be available.

### News from the Art Department

Ms. Cramer's Ceramics 1 classes are learning the history and cultural significance of Japanese tea bowls. Each student will create a summer and a winter tea bowl.

Art 1 students are learning about the Elements of Art and Principles of Design. They are currently creating Op Art designs in the style of artist Bridget Riley.

### Math Department News

The BHS Math Department would like to introduce our newest member, Mrs. Karen Haughwout. Mrs. Haughwout is teaching Algebra 1A, Honors Algebra 1, and Advanced Algebra during the fall semester. In January, she heads to Tuscarora High School for the spring semester. Mrs. Haughwout previously taught at Frederick and Catocin High Schools in Frederick County and at schools in Baltimore and Prince Georges Counties. She received her undergraduate degree from the University of Delaware and her master's degree from Hood College. In her spare time, Mrs. Haughwout enjoys traveling with her family and is also training for the Bay Bridge 10K. Welcome to BHS Mrs. Haughwout!

### From the World of World Languages

The World Language Department at BHS is growing! We are excited to introduce Mrs. Lois Jarman, our new Spanish teacher! The staff and students are excited to welcome her to Brunswick! Each month, the World Language Department would like to recognize a "Shining Superhero," a high achieving, stand-out student, and a "Rising Superhero," a student who has worked extra hard to improve his or her language skills.

This month's Shining Superhero is...Matthew Bolingbroke! Matt is always raising his hand to add information or help to the class. Bravo, Matt!

This month's Rising Superhero is...Walker Stone! Walker has worked very hard to improve his Spanish skills. Keep up the great work, Walker! Congratulations to our September Superheroes.

### BHS Career & Technology News

The BHS Career and Technology Department has adapted the "Go All Out" theme for this year. This theme emphasizes the department's enthusiasm in going the extra mile to ensure student success.

In other news, FACS Instructor Patty Lorenzen announced that the BHS preschool will begin September 28 and run through December 21, 2015. There are presently nine 3- and 4- year old students enrolled in the program. The Child Development students are creating lessons and preparing the room in anticipation of the arrival of the pre-school students on September 28.

The Brunswick Community Show will be held from October 6 thru October 8 in the BHS old gym. Entries will be received on Tuesday night October 6 from 6-9 PM and on Wednesday morning October 7 from 8-11:00 AM. Call Mr. Michael Harrington at extension 68607 for any additional information.

The BHS FFA chapter is proud to announce that their Poultry Evaluation team won first place at the Maryland State FFA contest held in July at the Washington County Agriculture Center. The team consisted of Allie Wilson, Claire Edwards, Jack Wilson and Jayden Branch. The team will participate in the National FFA contest in October at the National FFA Convention in Louisville, KY.

### **English/Drama Department News**

The BHS English/Theatre Departments are proud to introduce Thomas Graff as our newest teacher. Mr. Graff is a winner of Frederick County's Favorite Middle School Teacher Award . “[I am] very happy to join the BHS community and [look] forward to working with students and families on our plays, musicals and our new video Morning Announcement program.”

After a successful career spanning 25 years producing and directing in New York City, he moved to Maryland and began teaching 12 years ago. Mr. Fowle, band and choral director, is “expecting a good year [as I work] my good collaborator and [this] fun guy.”

Ms. Chavez, his theatre assistant and English-teaching colleague, characterizes Tom as “enthusiastic, very effective, and hard-working.”

Ms. Doll states that Mr. Graff has a wealth of experience and knowledge especially in the areas of theater and technology. He is always creating opportunities to engage more students in school-related activities. I can’t wait to hear his ideas; I hope our students get involved. They will love the experiences.

Mr. Graff's wife teaches at Crestwood Middle School (she taught for half a year at BHS in 2003). He is also the proud father of Darren Graff, who works at Memories Steakhouse in Mt. Airy, Jessie Graff who is a star American Ninja Warrior, step father to Alex Vold, and is a new grandfather to Marlie Graff.

Welcome, Tom!

### **Physical Education/Health**

As our students use their cell phones to communicate, beware of the sites your student is using. Below are sites that have been recognized as sites where cyberbullying occurs. Doing our best as adults to help our young people use their cell phone for positive communication instead of negative, helps our young people have a more positive outlook on life and it will reduce the school drama allowing minds to be open for learning instead of cyberbullying drama. Check out Xfinity’s news link above or below so you can link into more information about sites that cyberbullies are using.

### **3 Kinds of Apps That Stir Up Drama in Schools**

If your kid is among the [73% of teens who have access to a smartphone](#), you're well aware of the app obsession that can take over a brain and body in seconds. Multiply that by the average student population at your middle or high school, and you see the problem many schools are facing this back-to-school season. For teens, smartphones + apps = social networking. And where there's social networking, there's sure to be drama.

While [a lot of social networking is harmless—and even beneficial](#)—some apps are specifically designed to appeal to users' darker impulses. Confessionals, anonymous comments, incriminating photos, rumor-mongering -- that sort of thing. Worse, some apps apply location services to this already combustible mix, connecting everyone in a school and magnifying problems like cyberbullying, gossip, and physical threats.

Keep these apps on your radar, and talk to your kids about responsible social networking:

[Yik Yak](#). This "**location aware**" **social networking app** lets users post "anything and everything" anonymously. The brief, Twitter-like comments and photos are distributed to any 500 people using Yik Yak closest to you geographically. Anonymous threats against schools and individual students [have prompted many schools to ban the app](#), using the company's "[geo fencing guidelines](#)" to restrict communications in a certain area. Also watch out for: [Streetchat—Image Board for Schools and Colleges](#), [Burnbook](#), and [After School—Funny Anonymous School News for Confessions & Compliments](#).

[Ask.FM](#). This **question-and-answer app** lets kids pose queries and answer questions from other users. With questions like "am I pretty or ugly?," the confessional nature makes kids vulnerable to negative feedback. Bullying is a major concern, and Ask.FM has been [cited as a factor in stories of teen suicide](#). In response to these problems, the company changed management and launched a robust safety center. Still, you have to wonder about an app that has a whole section just for law enforcement investigating criminal activity. Also watch out for: [Whisper](#).

[Snapchat](#). For seemingly consequence-free communication, you can't do better than the **self-destructing messaging app** Snapchat. The app has gained a reputation as a "sexting" app because outgoing (and incoming) pictures, videos, and texts aren't permanently stored on devices. Still, many third-party developers have created apps that let recipients save snaps from unsuspecting senders. One of the biggest problems with Snapchat is its popularity: [One teacher complained of massive class disruption](#) when the app released an upgrade during the school day. Also watch out for: [BurnNote](#), [Slingshot](#)

### News from the Science Department

BHS science will welcome the MdBioLab trailer in mid-October. The trailer is a state-of-the-art mobile laboratory provided by the MdBioLab Foundation, a nonprofit, public/private partnership. Students in our science classes will have the opportunity to work with the latest science equipment under the guidance of the BioLab's staff for one full week. Lab opportunities include DNA extraction, Gene transformations, wildlife forensics and more. This is an exciting opportunity for our students that only comes every three years.

### BHS Social Studies Department

The Social Studies department welcomed two new teachers for the 2015-16 school year. Mr. Gary Brennan joins Brunswick High School after serving as the president of the Frederick County Teachers Association for the past ten years. Prior to his involvement with FCTA, Mr. Brennan taught American Studies, Psychology and Government at Governor Thomas Johnson High School for 19 years.

We also welcome student teacher, Ms. Cecily Rasband, who will be working with Mr. Skena in his Modern World History classes during the fall semester. Ms. Rasband is a student at the University of Maryland, University College and has been a home and hospital teacher for Frederick County Public Schools since 2011. Prior to returning to school to obtain her teaching certification, Ms. Rasband worked as a database programmer.

## Study Tips from the Special Education Department

### *Study Smarter, Not Harder*

- Make a study schedule—A study schedule will help you:
  - Break down tasks into controllable parts
  - Keep up with assignments
  - Get into a study routine
  - Make the most of your time
  - Quick Tip: It's not enough to make a study schedule; you also have to follow it!
- All students can succeed by:
  - Attending all classes
  - Communicating regularly with the teacher
  - Ask questions

\*Adapted from Test-Taking Strategies & Study Skills for the Utterly Confused by Laurie Rozakis, Ph.D.

## Teacher Academy

Has your son or daughter talked about becoming a teacher or shown an interest in working with children? The Teacher Academy at Brunswick High School is an MSDE approved program that prepares students to enter the highly competitive world of college teacher preparatory programs. We offer courses such as Teaching as a Profession, Curriculum and Instruction, and Human Growth and Development through Adolescence that are designed to expose students to the world of teaching. The program culminates with an internship that places the students in a classroom where they can practice the art of teaching. Interested students should speak to Mr. Skena or email [Michael.skena@fcps.org](mailto:Michael.skena@fcps.org) for more information.

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