Greetings from BHS!

I trust the BHS Newsletter finds you enjoying friends and family during this holiday season. At the beginning of the school year BHS reaffirmed our school wide expectations...Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be Safe, Be Connected and Be Ambitious. Being ambitious is receiving special attention this school year. In all areas, BHS has benefited from staff and students making a personal commitment toward setting high expectations. Allow me to share some evidence...

Academics:
- The College Board is announcing the 6th Annual AP District Honor Roll — a list of 425 districts across the U.S. and Canada being honored for increasing access to AP® course work while simultaneously maintaining or increasing the percentage of students earning scores of 3 or higher on AP Exams. Reaching these goals indicates that BHS successfully identifies motivated, academically prepared students who are likely to benefit from rigorous AP course work.
- EVERY fall Varsity Athletic Team earned the NYS Scholar Athlete recognition by maintaining a combined 90 grade point average.

Athletics:
- The 2015 Varsity Boys Football Team won the Section V's Class B Championship for the 2nd year in row and set numerous individual records.
- The Varsity Girls Tennis Team earned 2nd Place at Sectionals and for the first time in 25 years, Sophomores Sophia Stuart and Steph Hoy won 1st Place in Section V Doubles.

Music / Performing Arts:
- Mrs. Chadwell created an ambitious BHS Mural in our main hallway to capture our spirit and pride.
- BHS’s Music Program honored our Veteran’s with a wonderful tribute at our Winter Concert with a patriotic slide presentation set to music. Additionally, Ms. Haggett honored our student’s family members and staff who have served by including their pictures in the slideshow as well as presenting each with certificates of appreciation.

As I reflect on the school year I am amazed by the increase of accomplishments and performances of our staff and students. 2015 has set the bar high. But...I have a feeling it is only the beginning of the great things to come in 2016!

Thanks for your continued support of Batavia High School.

Scott Wilson, BHS Principal
Take Care of BHS!
QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Q: My daughter has come down with a serious case of “senior slump.” Unfortunately, it’s only the first semester of her sophomore year! She’s stopped doing homework, according to her teachers. She just doesn’t seem to care whether she passes or not. How can I get things turned around so that she actually makes it to her senior year?

A: Right now, your teen is putting a lot of energy into not caring. The challenge is to get her to apply that energy to doing something productive.

Here are four time-tested steps you can take:

1. Think about what’s different. Does she have a new group of friends? Did she enroll in more (or less) challenging courses this year?
2. Talk with her teachers about what they’re seeing. If there are teachers, counselors or coaches who knew her last year, seek their input as well.
3. Talk with your daughter about her progress in school. Tell her that even if she doesn’t care about school, you do. Relationships matter with teens.
4. Set deadlines and specific goals with your teen. She may be feeling overwhelmed, so help her focus on specific positive steps she can take. She may not be able to raise her English grade this marking period, but she can read the novel the teacher assigned. She can do her math homework every day. Each positive step will motivate her to try a little harder.

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Q: I didn’t do well in math when I was in school. Now my son is taking a math class that I don’t understand. How can I help him when he’s struggling with his math homework?

A: Start by working on your own attitude. Countless studies show that parents’ attitudes about math have a direct effect on their children’s achievement in math.

So avoid saying things like, “I was never very good in math.” Instead, say, “Wow, that looks challenging. I know you will be able to figure this out!”

Next, realize that you can help with homework—even if you don’t know the math yourself. Have your son tell you, step by step, how he thinks he should solve the problem. This is one of the best ways for students to figure out a new math concept.

Remember that while there may be only one right answer to a problem, there may be many ways to get the answer. Be sure your teen writes down the steps he has followed when he is doing his homework. That way, he can show the teacher what he did. If the answer is wrong, the teacher will know where he went off track.

Also, point out times during the day when you use math. Whether you use math on the job or to balance your checkbook, your teen will see that the subject is one he can’t avoid.

There are many things in life that don’t come easily. Encourage your teen to try hard and work his way through this challenge. That will make it easier for him to face other challenges on the road ahead.

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Class of 2019

The first marking period has ended and the mid-point of the year is almost here. By now you probably have a good idea of your academic standing in all of your classes. It is important to continue to work hard in all of your classes and take note of areas that need improvement. Freshman grades are 1/3 of the academic criteria that colleges use in accepting potential students. If you are not experiencing success, try to utilize the resources available such as the Learning Center, clinics and after school meetings with teachers to boost your grades. Keep in mind that your success now will greatly impact where you are four years from now.

It is also important to get involved. Academic success is a vital part of high school, but it is also important to make the most of the experience and identify your interests. Continue to work hard and don’t forget to have fun!
Batavia City School District Placed on the College Board’s 6th Annual AP® District Honor Roll for Significant Gains in Student Access and Success

425 School Districts Across the U.S. and Canada Are Honored

Batavia, NY — Batavia City School District is one of 425 school districts in the U.S. and Canada being honored by the College Board with placement on the 6th Annual AP® District Honor Roll for increasing access to AP course work while simultaneously maintaining or increasing the percentage of students earning scores of 3 or higher on AP Exams. Reaching these goals indicates that a district is successfully identifying motivated, academically prepared students who are ready for the opportunity of AP. To be included on the 6th Annual Honor Roll, Batavia City School District had to, since 2013, increase the number of students participating in AP while also increasing or maintaining the number of students earning AP Exam scores of 3 or higher.

National data from 2015 show that among black/African American, Hispanic, and Native American students with a high degree of readiness for AP, only about half of students are participating. The first step to delivering the opportunity of AP to students is providing access by ensuring courses are available, that gatekeeping stops, and that the doors are equitably opened so these students can participate. Batavia City School District is committed to expanding the availability of AP courses among prepared and motivated students of all backgrounds.

“That the committed teachers and administrators in this district have both expanded AP access and also helped their students achieve high levels of performance on AP Exams shows they’re delivering opportunity in their schools and classrooms, and it is a real testament to their belief that a more diverse population of young people is ready for the challenge of college,” said Trevor Packer, the College Board’s senior vice president of AP and Instruction. “Congratulations to these teachers and administrators, and to their hard-working students.” Helping more students learn at a higher level and earn higher AP scores is an objective of all members of the AP community, from AP teachers to district and school administrators to college professors. Many districts are experimenting with a variety of initiatives and strategies to determine how to simultaneously expand access and improve student performance.

In 2015, more than 3,800 colleges and universities around the world received AP scores for college credit, advanced placement, and/or consideration in the admission process, with many colleges and universities in the United States offering credit in one or more subjects for qualifying AP scores.

Inclusion on the 6th Annual AP District Honor Roll is based on the examination of three years of AP data, from 2013 to 2015, looking across 34 AP Exams, including world language and culture. The following criteria were used.

Districts must:
Increase participation/access to AP by at least 4 percent in large districts, at least 6 percent in medium districts, and at least 11 percent in small districts;
Increase or maintain the percentage of exams taken by black/African American, Hispanic/Latino, and American Indian/Alaska Native students; and
Improve or maintain performance levels when comparing the 2015 percentage of students scoring a 3 or higher to the 2013 percentage, unless the district has already attained a performance level at which more than 70 percent of its AP students are scoring a 3 or higher.

When these outcomes have been achieved among an AP student population in which 30 percent or more are underrepresented minority students (black/African American, Hispanic/Latino, American Indian/Alaska Native) and/or 30 percent or more are low-income students (students who qualify for free or reduced-price lunch), a symbol has been affixed to the district name to highlight this work.

The complete 6th Annual AP District Honor Roll can be found here.
BATAVIA HIGH SCHOOL
1st MARKING PERIOD HONOR ROLL – 2015 – 2016


BATAVIA HIGH SCHOOL
1st MARKING PERIOD MERIT ROLL – 2015–2016

COMMUNITY SERVICE SHOULD BE A YEAR-ROUND PRIORITY FOR TEENS

Educators know that community service has significant academic benefits for students. It gives students an opportunity to apply what they’ve learned to real human needs.

Volunteering also helps students gain valuable life experience and skills—which can put them on the path to their future careers.

Ask your teen to research and select an organization that your family can help. As a family you could:

- Support an organization. Some families give a monetary gift to a charity they support. But that isn’t the only way to help. Find out if you can collect old blankets and bring them to an animal shelter. Could you organize a collection of canned goods for a food pantry? Would your local hospital accept a donation of gently-used books or movies?
- Prepare and serve a meal. A local soup kitchen or homeless shelter may need volunteers to prepare and serve a meal.
- Give the gift of time. Is there a nursing home nearby? Ask if there are any residents who do not have regular visitors.
- Give a gift anonymously. Perhaps your teen knows someone who is going through a rough time. Leaving a small plant or a batch of cookies at their doorstep could lift that person’s spirits.

The BHS Math Team placed 1st at their 1st meet of the year. They scored 25 points higher than the second place team. High Scorers for Batavia were Campbell Andersen, Stephen Farrell, Skylar Laesser, and Ross Chua.

ENCOURAGE YOUR TEEN TO MAKE SPECIFIC LEARNING RESOLUTIONS

Every time the first of January rolls around, you and your family probably make resolutions for the new year that you give up on just a few weeks later. This year, help your teen make some learning resolutions that will actually stick!

The more specific his goals are, the more likely your teen is to attain them. Instead of a broad resolution of “Do better in school,” help him come up with specific ways to improve. For example:

- I will ask at least one question in every class. In order to ask an informed question, your teen will need to pay attention to the lecture. By paying closer attention, chances are that he’ll be more engaged and confident about what he’s learning—and that will likely lead him to ask more questions in class.
- I will create a note-taking system. The way your teen takes notes in history may be different from the way he does it in chemistry. Encourage him to talk with his teachers to figure out the best way to record information they discuss.
- I will review class notes every night before bed. Studies show that the last thing a person reads before going to bed remains embedded in the person’s brain.
- I will read for 30 minutes every day. Very few teens make time to read for pleasure. But the best way to build a strong vocabulary is to read widely and read often.

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Want to get a job???
Then You Need A Work Permit!

Stop by the BHS Main Office to pick up an application and a physical certification form. Return these forms along with proof of birth date (i.e.: birth certificate, baptismal certificate, or New York state I.D. or drivers license).

Student Parking

Since student parking on campus is limited, only juniors and seniors are permitted to park in the student parking lot.

STUDENTS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO PARK IN THE FACULTY LOT.

Any 11th or 12th grader who wish to park at BHS must re-register each year and will be granted space on a first come, first served basis. Students must register in the Assistant Principals’ office and complete the required permission form. Safe and appropriate parking and driving behaviors are expected in order to retain parking privileges.
GOOD NEWS FROM THE ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

BHS has had a very successful fall season with many students named as Scholar/Athletes. Fall sport Scholar/Athlete teams include every fall team - boys and girls soccer, swimming, football, volleyball, gymnastics, tennis, football cheerleading, and girls and boys cross country.

There were also numerous All County First and Second Team athletes from BHS. All County 1st Team athletes include Autumn Janiga, Lauren Pinney, Samantha Cohen, Stephanie Hoy, Melissa Mountain, Lea Morgan, Ariana Ross, Alicia Scroger, Lauren Leone, Samantha Cecere, Margret Cecere, and Tessa Engel. Named as 2nd Team All County are Emily Neth, Tiarra Carney, Madison McCulley, Taylor Stefaniak, Meghan Swiatowy, and Madison Swiatowy.

Kevin Walkowski, girls varsity tennis coach, was named Coach of the Year.

The varsity football team won the Sectional Class B championship for the second time in 23 years and continued on to the Far West Regional game in Rochester where they lost to Cheektowaga. It was an incredible football season with support of the entire school population and much community interest also. The team is already anticipating the 2016-17 season!

Winter sports are underway. The wrestling team hosted the 42nd Annual Varsity Wrestling Christmas Tournament on December 12th. Our winter indoor girls and boys teams will be competing in many large meets and the ski team is hoping for snow to begin training and competing at Swain Ski Center. The boys JV and varsity basketball teams have had several scrimmages and games with a record of 4-0 at this time.

On Dec 28th and 30th the boys basketball team competed in the Lions Tournament at GCC. We all are happy that the Lions Club was hosting the tournament again this year for the 34th time in three decades of exciting tournament boys basketball.

The girls basketball team will compete in the Rotary Tournament on January 6th and 8th with teams from Attica, Notre Dame and Cal Mum with the JV games at BHS and varsity will play at GCC.

The Hockey Boosters hosted the David McCarthy Hockey tournament at the Falleti Ice Arena on Dec. 18th and 19th. Again this year, our hockey team is a combined team with several Alexander players.

There will be lots of exciting winter contests – our students train and practice hard for long hours to be successful - come out and support your Batavia Blue Devils!

All Greater Rochester Award Winners

Brennan Briggs  
Co-Coach of the Year  
Football Coach

First Team  
Dominick Mogavero  
Linebacker

Second Team  
Greg Mruczek  
Quarterback

Kevin Walkowski, girls varsity tennis coach, was named Coach of the Year.

Second Team  
Ryan Hogan  
Receiver

Congratulations for all these well-earned honors!
The LOTE (Language Other Than English) department held a Skype event on December 21st at 8:30 in the morning with Justo Lamas in Argentina. Justo is the founder of Justo Lamas Group, which will be sponsoring a concert in Spanish on April 19, 2016 at BHS in the auditorium. LOTE students were able to see and hear Justo tell about Christmas and New Year in Argentina and how it’s celebrated. He told us about special foods eaten in Argentina at Christmas like panettone and turron and the tradition of eating 12 raisins at midnight on New Year’s Eve. December in Argentina is the beginning of school vacations; students there go back to school in March. We were able to talk with Justo both in Spanish and in English and see him in his home. We are looking forward to the concert in April where Emir Sensini, one of Justo’s performers, will be helping us learn even more Spanish.

For those wishing to learn English, there will be Adult English as a Second Language (ESL) Program starting in January. This program will help adults improve their English skills in conversation and everyday activities for living and working in Batavia and the surrounding communities. Classes are held at Batavia High School in the library on Sunday evenings from 6:30-8:00 PM. ESL classes are free and available to students 18 and older. The first class is January 17, 2016 and we welcome students with all different levels of understanding! For more information, contact Courtney Turcer at (585) 343-2480, ext. 2000 or at cjturcer@bataviacsd.org.
JANUARY, 2016 EXAMINATION SCHEDULE
– NEW FORMAT –

REGULAR SCHOOL DAY SCHEDULE
Monday, January 25th @ 8:00 a.m. – 2:43 p.m.

**Regular School Day – ALL students are expected to be in attendance today. Students will follow regular class, breakfast, lunch, dismissal and bus transportation schedules.**

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* Make-up sessions may be used to complete assignments, labs, tests, etc. or for additional review.  
** Regular bus students must sign-up for the NOON or 3:00 p.m. bus.

### REGENTS EXAM RE-TAKES
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(Local Exams will be rescheduled for students signed-up to take Regents Re-Takes)

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Batavian 2016 Yearbook Sale

Yearbook orders must be paid by check or money order ONLY; payable to Batavia City Schools. Orders must be paid in full (check or money order) when submitted.

Yearbook without a name = $50 (tax included)
**Yearbook with a name = $55 (tax included)
Check #_________
**Name engraving is NOT available after February 26th.

Orders ARE accepted until they are no books left to sell in June; however, if you want to be assured of a yearbook, orders should be in by April 1st.

Orders can be submitted to room 220, Mrs. Ognibene, or left in Mrs. Ognibene’s mailbox in the main office. Receipts will be given for all purchases. If you do not receive a receipt back within 5 days, please see the advisor in room 220 to ensure your order form has been received.

Receipt #  
Date
Batavia High School is presenting an

**EVENING OF ACADEMIC PLANNING**

*Monday, January 11, 2016*

*6:30 – 8:00 p.m.*

This informative event is customized to meet the academic planning needs for students and families from Grade 8 to our current Seniors.

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<td><strong>Help with FAFSA</strong>&lt;br&gt;College Financial Aid Reps will be on hand&lt;br&gt;* Bring previous year’s tax statement</td>
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- Our goal is to facilitate a thorough process for student’s decision making around course selection and their future academic plans.
- Careful planning now will lead to a great schedule, one that requires no changes and best meets the needs and interests of students.
ATTENTION SENIOR PARENTS:
Much like when in kindergarten, students celebrate the first 100 days of school, every year the senior class celebrates 100 days left until graduation. This is marked by a breakfast where a raffle ticket is given to every senior to be drawn for small, random prizes. Prizes are generally $5-$10 gift cards to places teenagers will go. The BHSPTG needs your help to increase the number of students who receive a prize. If you would be willing to donate a small gift card or a senior friendly gift it would be greatly appreciated. Donations can be dropped off at the high school main office.
Thank you in advance for your generosity.
~The BHS Parent Teacher Group~

The Mr. Batavia contest is April 15th at 7pm in the BHS Auditorium.
Tickets are $5 for students, $7 for adults. Tickets will be sold during lunches and at the door.
We plan to have charities represented in the small cafeteria before the event.

Who will be the next Mr. Batavia?
Find out April 15th

Class of 2016 Yearbook Deadlines

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Submissions can be turned in to Mrs. Ognibene in room 220 OR left in her mailbox in the main office.

ARE YOU HELPING YOUR TEEN BECOME A GOOD CITIZEN?

Teens who are good citizens take care of their school. They follow the rules and they respect others. They also tend to achieve in school. Answer yes or no to the questions below to see if you are raising a good citizen:

___1. Do you talk with your teen about current events and ask her opinion about them?

___2. Do you encourage your teen to take action if she reads about an issue that concerns her? She can write a letter to the editor or volunteer.

___3. Do you discuss rights and responsibilities with your teen? Teens always want to talk about their rights—but these come with responsibilities.

___4. Do you expect your teen to be honest? Honesty is an important part of citizenship.

___5. Do you talk about making the right choice even if it isn’t the most popular thing to do?

How well are you doing?
Each yes means you’re helping your teen become a better citizen. For each no answer, try that idea.

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Z Club members collected toys for the YWCA TOY DRIVE. Students came to school early and collected toys from parents and students as they were dropped off at school that day. They collected more than 50 toys.

Z Club members were out in the community at Batavia’s Christmas in the City. Z Club had a float in the parade and helped out with the nights activities.

Congressman Chris Collins congratulated the Z Club on being the recipient of the Zonta International, District 4, Service Award.

22 Z Club members participated in the Christmas Stocking Project for the Troops. Stockings were filled with personal care items, playing cards, nuts, candy and books donated from the public library! The stockings were mailed out with help from the Gilmartin Family.
FIVE DISCIPLINE TIPS CAN IMPROVE STUDENTS’ BEHAVIOR AT SCHOOL

Your teen’s behavior in school affects the teacher’s ability to teach, as well as your teen’s ability to learn. Try these five parent-tested, teacher-approved discipline tips:

1. Stay actively involved in your teen’s life. Go to his games or performances. Meet his friends.
2. Don’t overlook drugs and alcohol. They are a part of many teen parties. And they can take a serious toll on your teen’s health and school performance.
3. Involve your teen in setting rules. He’ll be more likely to follow them.
4. Set consequences and enforce them. Predictability is a parent’s best friend. A consequence does not have to be severe if your teen knows that you will impose it.
5. Work with your school. If the school contacts you about a concern, keep an open mind. Don’t instantly decide your teen is right.


Junior Class Upcoming Fundraiser

Want to raise money for YOUR senior trip or to pay for YOUR ticket to prom? Participate in the following fundraiser.

Yancy’s Fancy Cheese Sale, $1.00 for each item sold will go into individual student accounts to pay for your prom ticket or your senior trip.
Sale starts February 4th—25th. Cheese will arrive the week of March 14th. Just in time for Spring Recess and the Easter Holiday.

EMPHASIZE ATTENDANCE AND HELP YOUR TEEN STAY FOCUSED

Winter break marks that half the school year is over. Is your teen ready to buckle down and give her best efforts the second half of the year?

Even though your teen may find it hard to get out of a warm bed in the morning, she still has to wake up and go to school.

Here are a few tips to help you keep your teen on track:

- Evaluate how her attendance has been over the first half of the school year. Is your teen arriving to school on time every day, ready to learn? Is she going to all of her classes? If not, help her set some attendance goals for the rest of the school year.
- Ask questions about what she’s doing in school. What is she learning in her English class? How is her history project going? Did she have assignments that she needed to work on over winter break?
- Encourage her to make a checklist of everything she still has to do for school and extracurricular activities. This will help her stay organized.
- Remind her that school is her most important job.

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**Attendance Office**

**REMINDER!**

All absences or early release require a handwritten note from parent/guardian within 24 hours. Phone calls do not make your child's absence or early release legal.

* Dropping notes off to the Attendance Office first thing in the morning will make early release appointments easier.

* Leaving messages on the Attendance Office voice mail early in the day will assure your child is not late to appointments.

* Calling during the school day, last-minute for immediate release may prove difficult to get messages to students in study halls, clinics, lunch and P.E. classes.

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When reporting an absence or to have a child released early please call the Attendance Office 343-2480 ext. 2007. If your call goes to voicemail please leave a message, voicemail is checked frequently.

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Batavia High School is a CLOSED CAMPUS students must remain on campus for lunch.

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Students are not allowed to go back out to their cars or student parking lot between the hours of 8:05 - 2:43.

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Students have asked the question... *"If I am 18 can I sign myself out of school?"* The answer to that question is, NO. According to district policy, if a student still lives at home with their parents/guardians then they are not allowed to sign themselves out.

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Reminder to all PM GVEP Students...

Students are not allowed back in the building until 2:43. Students may want to take any of their belongings with them that they will need at the end of the day when they sign out for GVEP, otherwise you will have to wait in the lobby or outside until 2:43. Thank you for your cooperation.

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**Attendance Procedures**

The compulsory education law in New York State required that each child over the age of 6 and under the age of 16 is to be in attendance the full time that school is in session. PARENTS SHOULD UNDERSTAND THAT EVEN THOUGH THEY MAY APPROVE OF A STUDENT’S ABSENCE AND HAVE NOTIFIED THE SCHOOL, BY NEW YORK STATE LAW AND BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY, SOME ABSENCES MUST STILL BE MARKED ILLEGAL.

Parents are asked to notify the Attendance Office by calling 343-2480, ext. 2007 of a student’s absence. If no call is received, School Messenger will call the parent. The student is required to bring a written excuse from his/her parent within 24 hours of the absence to the attendance office.

This note should include:
The students name, the date(s) of absence, the reason for absence, the parent/guardian’s signature, and parent/guardian contact information such as name and daytime phone numbers. Notes that don’t have this information will not be honored. Failure to return with a note will result in disciplinary action as that absence will be considered unexcused.
Calendar of Important Dates:

January 11 - Academic Planning Night @ 6:30-8:00 p.m.
January 16 - Winter Guard Competition “Fantastic Visions” 5:00 p.m.
January 18 - HOLIDAY - Martin Luther King Jr. Day - NO SCHOOL
January 23 - SAT Test @ BHS @ 8:00 a.m. - approx. 1:00 p.m. (SAT & Subject Tests)
January 26-28 - January 2016 Regents/Local Exams
January 29 - Superintendent’s Conference Day - 1/2 Day
Second Marking Period Ends
January 30 - GWMEA Instrumental Solo Festival
February 3 - Budget Ambassador Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.
Registration Deadline for March 5th SAT Test
February 6 - ACT Test @ GCC
February 9 - BHSPTG Meeting @ 6:00 p.m. - Library
February 10 - Budget Ambassador Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.
February 15-17 - Presidents’ Day Recess - NO SCHOOL
February 24 - Budget Ambassador Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.
March 2-30 - District Art Show @ Richmond Library
March 4-3rd Interim Ends (25 week)
Registration Deadline for April 9th ACT Test
March 4-6 - BHS Musical “Mary Poppins”
March 5 - SAT Test @ BHS @ 8:00 a.m. - approx. 1:00 p.m.
March 8 - BHSPTG Meeting @ 6:00 p.m. - Library
March 10 - Pops Music Concert @ 7:00 p.m.
March 17 - Music In Our Schools Month Concert @ 7:00 p.m.
March 18 - Art Show Awards and Reception, Richmond Library, 6:30 p.m.
March 21-28 - Spring Recess - NO SCHOOL
April 1-2 - GWMEA All-County Festival I @ Elba
April 3-6 - Marking Period Ends
Registration Deadline for May 7th SAT Test
April 8-9 - GWMEA All-County Festival II @ Pembroke
April 9 - ACT Test @ GCC
April 12 - BHSPTG Meeting @ 6:00 p.m. - Library
April 15 - Mr. Batavia Competition @ 7:00 p.m.
April 21 - Jazz Cabaret Concert @ 6:30 p.m.
April 22 - Superintendent’s Conference Day - NO SCHOOL